



## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### September 19, 2021

*Welcome to worship at All Saints! We are glad you are joining us!*

*We will be sharing in the meal of Holy Communion this morning. Please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available in order to participate in the meal from home, knowing that those elements are the body and blood of Christ, broken and shed for you. All are welcome at the Lord's table!*

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*For the immediate future, we continue having one blended worship service, outside (weather permitting) at 9:00 a.m. If weather does not allow us to be outside, worship will be moved inside, with masks required for all. Worship will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube by 10:45 a.m.*

*Our bulletin and announcements are emailed each Saturday. Please visit our website or contact the church office to be added to that mailing list.*

**Prelude:** *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

**Opening Songs:**

***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy***

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

***Lifesong***

Empty hands held high  
Such small sacrifice  
If not joined with my life  
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to You

*Chorus*

Let my lifesong sing to You  
Let my lifesong sing to You  
I wanna sign Your name  
To the end of this day  
Knowin' that my heart was true  
Let my lifesong sing (to You)

Lord I give my life  
A living sacrifice  
To reach a world in need  
To be Your hands and feet

May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to You *Chorus*

*Bridge (SING 3 TIMES)*  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
Let my lifesong sing to You

*Chorus (SING 2 TIMES)*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose life is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with  
an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God our comforter,  
**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**  
**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**  
**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**  
**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**  
**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**  
**Listen when we call out to you for help.**  
**Lead us by your love to love our neighbor as ourselves.**  
**Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
By the gift of grace in † Jesus Christ,  
God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of your sin.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** *All Are Welcome*

**Handbells**

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Scripture Reading:** James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 9:30-37

## **Sermon**

**Song of the Day:** *Children of the Heavenly Father*

**Handbells**

Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

## Children's Message

### Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

### Offertory Prayer

### Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Holy Communion:** *Jesus Medley*

**Handbell Choir**

### Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Blessing

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Better Is One Day*

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