



## **First Reformed Church, Schenectady**

In-person worship requires masks,  
distance, and no singing.

**All Saints & Stewardship Sunday  
November 1, 2020**

**Preacher: Lynn Carman Bodden  
Liturgist: Daniel Carlson  
Church Musician: Max Caplan  
Special Music: Tom Gerbino, flute  
Hymns: Kate Rose**

**Prelude** *Pavane*, Gabriel Faurè

**Greeting and Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn** *For All the Saints* 526 vs 1-3

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Our Need for God (unison)**

Gracious God, our mistakes are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

**\*God's Forgiving Love**

**\*Response of Praise (hummed)**

Our God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,  
And our eternal home.

**\*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed - traditional version)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Special Music *Sonata II, Mvt. 2 (Sicilienne)*, JS Bach**

**Introduction to the Scripture**

**First Reading *1 John 3:1-3***

**Children's Message**

**Second Reading** *Matthew 5:1-12*

**Sermon** "*Blessed*"

**Minute For Ministry - Stewardship** Kate Rose

**Musical Offering** *Psalm 23*, Leonard Bernstein

**Communion Invitation**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

**Communion Prayer**

**Words of Institution and Partaking of Elements**

**Prayers of the People**

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For**

**Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* 504

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in Your name,  
Two or three are met together, You are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of You,  
That by caring, helping, giving, We may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

**Benediction**

*Disposable communion receptacles should be placed in waste bin  
on the way out the sanctuary.*

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