

GRANITE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”
Hebrews 12: 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PREPARATORY MUSIC

The Prophet Speaks

- Blake

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24: 1-6

ONE: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

ALL: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

ONE: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

**ALL: They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints”

526 (verses 1-4)

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF PARDON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

**ALL: They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'**

ONE: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

**ALL: 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'**

PRAYER

Most holy Lord and God, we thank you for the triumphant fellowship of all the saints in glory. We remember before you all who have been called to the more immediate presence of our Savior. For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for church members, family, and friends who passed since our last All Saints' Day remembrance on November 1, 2020 -

NAMING OF OUR BELOVED DEPARTED AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE

Church Members

Anna Rose Anderson

Ruth Chalker

Charles Crist

Family and Friends

Beth Pait Barrett, friend of Lauren and Todd Schuler.

Yvonne Green Boyd, neighbor of Jim Farmer.

Phil Bucchieri, cousin of Bob Spezzano.

Martin Cannelli, neighbor of Carol Hartlove Farmer.

Fulton Evans, cousin of Sue Meekins.

Linda Zimmerman Fry, aunt of Dona Ferguson.

Steve Haddaway, brother of Lee Haddaway.

Richard Holden, brother of the late Dawn Holden Bounds.

Robert Huffman, father of Susie Reisdorf.

Melvin Hush, friend of Marty Kelley & Wayne Dell.

Martha Janoskie, mother of Toney Janoskie.
 Patrick Leatherwood, son of Sam Leatherwood.
 Ruth Alspaugh Luther, aunt of Terrence Alspaugh.
 Destiny Elizabeth Miller, granddaughter of Lloyd and Joyce Peugh.
 Ruth Mindek, grandmother of Michelle Peugh (daughter-in-law of Joyce & Lloyd Peugh).
 Jeanne Owens Moore, sister of Frank Owens.
 Frank Moynihan, cousin of Sue Meekins.
 Charles Perry, uncle of Terrence Alspaugh.
 Marla Regan, mother of Troy Regan.
 Joseph Allen Royal, friend of Nadine & Skip Merkle.
 Rita Sites, paternal grandmother of Karly Parson.
 Herbert A. Soper, cousin of Terrence Alspaugh.
 Stewart Smith, great-grandfather of Wayde Zimmerman.
 Maeve Sturtevant, former patient of Cheryl Spezzano.
 Wayne Tompkins, the father of Carey Peugh (daughter-in-law of Joyce and Lloyd Peugh).
 Dan Alfin and Laura Schwartzenberger, FBI agents, killed in the line of duty, friends of Lauren Schuler.
 Billy Evans and Brian Sicknick, US National Capitol Police Officers, killed in the line of duty, friends of Chad Nieto.

NAMING OF OUR BELOVED DEPARTED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving for beloved departed from previous years - (the names of beloved departed may be offered in prayer, either silently or aloud) -

Elizabeth Hester Alspaugh	Bob Ferguson	Debbi Hawk
William Terry Alspaugh	Carole Ferguson	Brian Michael Hoover
George A. Anderson	Stanley Edgar Ferguson II	Bruce Donald Hoover
Aaron Athern	Ryan Flanagan	Roy Lee Hoover
John Michael Baker	Leslie Michelle Fleming	Rayner Johnson
David P. Bell	Donald Fricelli	Sydney Johnson
Frances Bell	Sgt 1 st Class John L. Geisler	Sam Kahn
Bud Bounds	Johnny Geisler	Estelle Kahn
Dawn Bounds	Mary Jane Geisler	Ilene Kahn
Patricia Ann Bounds	Beverly Gordy	Ian Kahn
Virginia Brantley	Bob Gordy	John Kelley
Lorraine Bowen	Betty Mae Griffith	John Malcolm Kelley
Clara Bucchieri	Mark Edward Griffith	Jack Kosko
June Crist	Butch Hamilton	Vivian Leatherwood
Dennis Durbin	Cathy Hamilton	Carl Lehmann
Skip Evans	Gene Hamilton	Ruth Lehmann
Charles E. Farmer	Barbara Harris	Frank LePage
Ruth Naomi Trott Farmer	Bill Hartlove	Colleen Marr
Sandra Waite Farmer	Roy Haupt	Shirley Marr

Pap & Meemaw Mathena
Vernon Mathena, Jr.
Doris Merkle Mathews
Nelson Carr Mathews
Robert Royal McCarn
Aaron McVicker
Betty Lee Meekins
Keith Meekins
Robert Leroy Meekins
Raymond V. "Skip" Merkle
Ryan Miller
Bob Myers
Stuart Nalls
Nancy Nathanson
Billi Jo Naylor-Eder
Kenneth Parsley

Willard Parson
Josephine Hester Perry
Patsy Perry
Albert Peugh
Clister Peugh
Stanley Peugh
Joy Pipes
Betty Alspaugh Powell
James "Cotton" Powell
Marie Rayburn
Brian Schiner
Brenda Schoener
Mike Sears
Terri Andreolli Shuba
Jean Parsley Simkins
William Simkins

Helen Smith
George Spezzano
Paul Spezzano
Bobbi Stanfield
Laurie Stanner
Ruby Tawney
Walter Tawney
Ellen Schrenck Trammell
Donna Turner
Belle Walker
Alice Zimmerman
Debbie Zimmerman
Kenneth Zimmerman, Sr.
Kenneth Zimmerman, Jr.
Helen Zumbrun

ANTHEM

This I Pray

Granite Virtual Choir

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS AND FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, in our continuing hope, and in the promise of eternal joy. Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before us and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. May we obtain entrance into your eternal kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore you.

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21: 1-6a

ONE: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 11: 32-44

ONE: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

“Both - And”

The Reverend E. Terrence Alspaugh

OFFERTORY

Blessed Holy Presence

- Livingston

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Now To Your Table Spread”

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ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CHORAL SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal, inside back cover

THE LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, number us among your saints, and join us with the faithful of every age. Strengthened by their fellowship, may we run with perseverance the race that is set before us. May we receive the unfading crown of glory when we stand before the throne of grace. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

LITANY OF DISSOLUTION

The Reverend Mary Speers

PRAYER

Let us pray for the saving presence of our Living Lord -

In your world, **be present, Lord.**

In this congregation, **be present, Lord.**

In this community, **be present, Lord.**

In this Presbytery and the whole Church, **be present, Lord.**

In the homes and hearts of all your people, **be present, Lord.**

Let us pray for the mercy of the Lord -

For work begun but not completed, **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

For expectations not met, **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

For wounds not healed, **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

For gifts not shared, **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

For promises not kept, **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this place -

For friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth,
Thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given, and promises kept,
Thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, and for the love of God which has sustained us,
Thanks be to God.

DISSOLUTION

Do you, the members and friends of Granite Presbyterian Church, release The Reverend Edwin Terrence Alspaugh from service as your pastor? **We do, with thanks to God.**

Do you, Terrence, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation? I do, with thanks to God.

Prayer

Loving God, Alpha and Omega, you are both beginning and end. Our endings and our beginnings are rooted in your love. Whether near or far, we are held close by your love and kept safe from any lasting loss. Let our time together end with your blessing. Touch all memories with your grace and peace. Help us to live with courage and gladness in the future you present us. In every time and place, may we offer you our highest and best through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

Representing the Presbytery of Baltimore, I witness these words of thanksgiving, forgiveness, and release. The Presbytery of Baltimore rejoices with you in the ministry you have shared, and we pledge to you continued support and prayer. With thanks to God for the ministry of this congregation and the ministry of God's servant, Terrence, and with hope for God's abiding grace in the years to come, this pastoral ministry is now dissolved.

CHARGE

With God's help and love, may your lives be blessed and your labors fruitful as you offer yourselves gladly in the service of our Risen Lord.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Communion Thoughts

- Barrett

Our liturgist for today is Joy Parson.