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UNITED METHODIST

# Band of Puzzlers

Face to Face with Jesus

Sunday, November 6, 2022

All Saints Day

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## WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

### Prelude

*Concerto for Organ in B Minor*

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### Introit

*Christ the Victorious*

Alexis Lvov  
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### Welcome

### † Opening Hymn

*For All the Saints Vs. 1-3, 6*

UMH 711

1. 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!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their own true light.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia. Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia. Alleluia!

### Blessing for Children

### Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.  
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

### Pastoral Prayer

## WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

### Scriptures

Luke 20:27-38 (CEB)

Some Sadducees, who deny that there's a resurrection, came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that *if a man's brother dies leaving a widow but no children, the brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother*. Now there were seven brothers. The first man married a woman



and then died childless. The second and then the third brother married her. Eventually all seven married her, and they all died without leaving any children. Finally, the woman died too. In the resurrection, whose wife will she be? All seven were married to her.”

Jesus said to them, “People who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy to participate in that age, that is, in the age of the resurrection from the dead, won’t marry nor will they be given in marriage. They can no longer die, because they are like angels and are God’s children since they share in the resurrection. Even Moses demonstrated that the dead are raised—in the passage about the burning bush, when he speaks of the Lord as *the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*. He isn’t the God of the dead but of the living. To him they are all alive.”

## Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Anthem**

*In the Sweet By and By*

Arr. Howard Helvey  
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**Message**

*Band of Puzzlers*

Rev. Bob Rhodes

## WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

**Response in the World**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Chorale Trio on Vom Himmel Hoch, Da Komm’ Ich Her*

Johann Bernhardt Bach  
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**† Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Reach us in our need, loving God, for we wander as lost children without your presence in our lives. When our hope fails and our confidence is shaken, renew us in your mercy. When our footsteps falter and our eyesight dims, place our feet firmly on the paths of life. Remind us that we are your beloved children, the handiwork of your gracious love. Give us the strength to stand firm and hold fast to your promises when our courage wanes.**

**One: Through the Holy Spirit, who is always with us, our lives bear the fruit of salvation. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*Online worshipers are invited to select elements including bread and juice (or similar) from their homes to participate in Holy Communion. Please wait until directed before receiving your elements.*

## 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 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. Amen.

## Prayer After Communion

### WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

#### † Closing Hymn

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

UMH 712

1. I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green;  
all of them saints of God, I mean, God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.
3. They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still.  
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door;  
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

#### † Benediction

#### Postlude

*Postlude in F*

Eugene Gigout

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