

Greetings members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Shelburne,

This Sunday, November 1st, is our final Parking Lot Service for the season. This Sunday is All Saints Day on the Christian calendar and a communion Sunday at First Congregational Church. To attend this service, please make your reservation by contacting Diantha at 413-625-6592 or by email foxtowne@gmail.com. Since this service will include Communion, we are asking those who wish to participate to bring grape juice, or another appropriate beverage, and bread with them.

Following the service there will be a Special Meeting of the Congregation. All church members able to vote are encouraged to attend this meeting. An amendment to the By Laws is being proposed that will allow the congregation the option of voting through a digital platform when face to face meetings are deemed untenable. If you have not received a call to the meeting and the By Law amendment and you are a voting member of the congregation, please contact the Church Clerk, Diantha.

If you intend to attend the meeting, while unable to attend the worship service, please contact the Church Clerk, Diantha. Parking is limited to the size of our lot, and it is important we know ahead of time how many cars are arriving.

Looking forward to seeing you on All Saints Day!

Faithfully Yours,
Pastor Rob

Welcome to Communion Sunday Worship
All Saints Day
November 1, 2020

Good Morning to our members and friends at home,

This Sunday is All Saints Day on the Christian calendar and a communion Sunday here at First Congregational Church in Shelburne. It is also our final Parking Lot Service for the season. If you wish to attend, you will need to make a reservation with Diantha at 413-625-6592 or by email foxtowne@gmail.com. There is a limited number of parking places.

If you will be attending this service:

Please print out this order of service and bring it with you.

Please bring with the elements you will need for communion:

grape juice, or another appropriate beverage, and bread of some kind.

And now let us be in worship

Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive, L=Leader, P=People)

L Before the Lord we remember this day....

P We remember those who have gone before us.
Those who followed Christ in trial and rejoicing.

L Before the Lord we remember this day.....

P We remember those who live today by their faith.

Those who are courageous, faithful, and true.

L Before the Lord we remember this day all the saints of God and we rejoice!

Morning Prayer & Lord's Prayer Augustine (354-430)

Eternal God, we thank you for the great cloud of witnesses of all times and all places. May the stories of their lives show us the richness of your grace. May they inspire us to look deep within our souls. May they encourage us to take the risk of faith and to serve you in our day in new ways. For the sake of Christ who taught us to pray saying... *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.*

Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Prayers of the People

Our prayers this morning remember and celebrate those who have come before us who have lived the faith and followed God's call. There will be a time for you to lift up to God those who have been instrumental in your life, especially those from this congregation.

Gospel reading: Mark 12:28-34

Communion Meditation: *Saints!*

Communion Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

The Sacrament of Communion

The Invitation

The Prayer of Consecration

Blessing of the Bread

Blessing of the Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, our loving creator, we give thanks for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for all that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation and especially for Jesus Christ whom you have sent from your own being as our savior. We praise you for his birth, life, death, and resurrection and for calling forth your church. In celebration we have come to his table. At this table, in the bread and the cup we may be restored to newness of life. Thanks be to you, your Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn: *For All the Saints*

Benediction

We are grateful for the work of the Executive Committee, The Reopening Task Force, our lay readers and Tim Graves our resident musician, for making these services possible.

Please remember all church members are called to a Special Meeting of the Congregation following this service in the parking lot.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all pleasures undefiled,

Refrain

For each perfect gift of thine,
to the world so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

Refrain

For thy church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

Refrain

Let us break bread together

Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

For All the Saints

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!

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!