

**United Church of Strafford, Vermont**  
October 31, 2021  
Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
*MH=Methodist Hymnal; PH=Pilgrim Hymnal*

**Gathering Music**

Annemieke McLane

**Silent Prayer of Invocation**

Deadra Ashton

**Prelude** JS Bach, Sarabande from English Suite III

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Lighting of the Peace Candle**

**Leader:** Let us pray for peace and the things that make for peace as we light the peace candle. *[the candle is lit]*

**Leader:** In him was life, and the life was the light of the world.

**People:** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.**

**Introit** #26, Exaudi Nos (Hear the Prayers that Rise)

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn** MH #711 "For All the Saints"

**Children's Time and Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn** MH # 712 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

**Anthem** "Gift of Love", M. Amidon

**Readings** Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 and Revelation 21:1-6a

Jane Prescott

**Sermon** For All the Saints

**\*Hymn** MH #709 "Come Let Us Join Our Friends Above"

**Sharing of Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests and Reflections**

Questions: Who are the people who have inspired you, supported you, and are no longer living in the physical world, whom you would name as your personal "saints"?

**Time of Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** "Lord God, you love us" Taize, with descant prayer of Brother Roger of Taize.

**Postlude** J.S. Bach, from English Suite II: Allemande

*\* Those who are comfortably able may stand.*

*Please stay for refreshments and neighborliness outside,  
weather permitting.*

**Haiku by Mel Goertz:**

The call of a crow  
as I take my morning walk.  
Black wings in blue sky.

### **Upcoming Sunday Services**

Nov. 7 Rachel Guaraldi

Nov. 14 Rev. Deadra Ashton

Nov. 21 Pastor Tom Kinder returns, Thanksgiving Sunday and Reign of Christ Sunday

Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

### **Next Concerts**

Friday, November 5, "Baroque Beauties"

Friday, November 3, "Noel"

Admission by donation, from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. 20% goes to the church's Manheim Fund for the Arts.

**Sing with the Choir:** Weekly choir for ages 12-92. Gather at 8:50 AMish. Rehearsals start 9 AM. All are welcome.

**Heartfulness Contemplative Training Circle** gathers weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. You are invited to be part of the circle anytime in person or by Zoom. See our website .

**Thank you Justin Wylie,** Recording Engineer and Zoom Master!

**The Lord's Acre** The online Lord's Acre auction will run from November 5 - 15. In the next few days, we will post the link on the listserv so you can do a bit of pre-auction browsing if you like. And if you would like to donate, or be a sponsor, there is still time. Please contact June Solsaa [June.solsaaa@myfairpoint.net](mailto:June.solsaaa@myfairpoint.net) ; Danette Harris [danette.A.Harris@gmail.com](mailto:danette.A.Harris@gmail.com) ; Ingrid Webb ([ingridfwebb@gmail.com](mailto:ingridfwebb@gmail.com)) ; Joey Hawkins ([joeylornell@gmail.com](mailto:joeylornell@gmail.com)) Thanks to you all, and many thanks for supporting the United Church of Strafford!

**Childcare Today** Please let one of the Deacons at the back of the sanctuary know if your child needs care during the service.

**Pastor Tom Kinder is away until November 17th.**

*Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*