# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2022 9:45 AM

PRELUDE In Paradisum Near

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.

Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.

One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.

Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered.

One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.

Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.

\*HYMN

#649 Give Thanks for Life

# \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, John Glore, Michael Martens, Bev Poole, Muriel Porter, and Lois Walsh. "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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

CALL TO OFFERING & STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Joanne Dickey

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN TO JOY

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine, teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

#### \*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

O Giver of Life, continue to form in us a transparent spirit that by our giving and our living others may discover You. Reshape our priorities and grant us a willing vision to see and respond to those hidden saints who reveal something of you in the least likely ways and in the most surprising places. Thank you for calling us into a life such as this and bless these gifts that they may bless others. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Bob Drake

# Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

# Psalm 145:3-13

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,

and on your wondrous works I will meditate.

They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

# SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

#### Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM We Are Barnwell

SERMON Rev. Chris Lyman Waldron

\*HYMN #636 Abide With Me

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Lyman Waldron

POSTLUDE Fanfare from La Péri Dukas

#### **USHERS**

Nancy Clegg & Marion Kirohn

# **COFFEE HOUR**

CE/Nominating

**NOVEMBER 6th** 

Coffee Hour: Pastoral Relations

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# CRAFTERS/SNOWFLAKE MEETING WEDNESDAY NOV. 2nd

Wednesday Nov. 2 @ 10am at church for our next session.

Anyone is invited. See you then!!

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# ADULT ED. STUDY

We are currently in a six week series in the book "Standing Naked Before God: The Art of Public Confession". This book touches on community, truth telling, and using public confession and testimony in worship. It's an interesting reflection on how we might engage in confession and lifting one another up with grace. Everyone is welcome to come join whether you've read the book or not! This will run weekly after worship in the Fireside Room through November 20th.

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#### THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The Allin Church Knitting Group and Missions Team are sponsoring a collection of personal care items to be given to our veterans. Jo-Ann McDonagh has made several drawstring bags, which we will fill with our collected items and deliver to patients at the West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital. During September and October, we will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, white crew socks, small notepads, combs, brushes, soap, hand wipes and deodorant to put in these bags.

Please leave your collection items in the bins near the Bullard Street door and the High Street door in the narthex. Thanks for your help!

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#### SECOND FRIDAY with FAMILIES

Join us for a family gatherings on the second Friday of each month at 6pm. We'll share a meal together, a child friendly worship service with arts and activities, and have some time for social gathering and play. Our next gatherings will be Friday, Nov. 11th, & Dec. 10th. Everyone is welcome! We are in need of some volunteers as well. If you can help with these gatherings please reach out to pastor Chris.

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#### SNOWFLAKE BASKET RAFFLES

To make this year's basket raffles a success here's how you can help:

\* Donate items needed for the various themes

Please call or email me at 617-543-3962/ann.cronin3@gmail.com for a list of the themes and suggested items

- \* Donate cash or checks for us to use to buy items for the baskets
  - Please put "Basket Raffles" on your check payable to the church
- \* Donate gift cards to restaurants or stores, i.e. Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts etc.
- \* Donate lottery scratch tickets
- \* Donate a complete basket (please let me know the theme to avoid duplication)
- \* If you work for or know of a business that would be willing to donate a gift certificate or an item please ask on our behalf or let me know the business name and I will send a donation request letter. Thank you for your support!

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# Winter Voice

Yes, it's that time again. We will need your articles, pictures, etc **by Nov. 18**. The winter voice will include Dec., Jan., & Feb.

# **Allin Congregational Church**

Gathered November 8, 1638 Minister of Music Emeritus: C. Martin Steinmetz

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