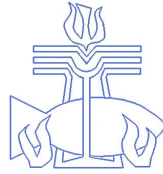


New Covenant Community Church
November 1, 2020



WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: With our voices let us praise the Lord for all that God has done for us.
People: With our hearts, let us love the Lord by offering ourselves to God's work.
Leader: With our ears, let us listen for the voice of God speaking to us through creation.
People: With our hands, let us embrace our fellow human beings in Christian fellowship.
Leader: With our gifts, let us serve God and our sisters and brothers in the world.
People: In our thoughts and actions, at work and recreation, and with all the saints, let us seek first the kingdom of God.

HYMN

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu Alleluia

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious and merciful God,
although in every age You have raised up women and men to live in faith,
we confess that we are frequently indifferent to Your will.
You call us to proclaim Your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.
In Your mercy, forgive us.
Fortify us with the courage to follow in Your way,
so that with those from ages past who have served You with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom that You promised through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. (Silent)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (adapted from Romans 5:6-8)

Leader: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

People: **And God proves divine love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

ALL SAINTS LITURGY

Friends, on the church's liturgical calendar, today is All Saints Day – a day in which we look to the faithful disciples among us for inspiration and encouragement in our own Christian pilgrimage.

All Saints Day should invite us to consider examples of faithfulness that enlarge our notion of what it means to be a disciple and a saint . . . and as these images are conjured up in our minds, we will offer a prayer remembering the saints of our church who have entered the Church Triumphant over the last year, and yet whose light still shines in our hearts.

Therefore, in gratitude for all the saints who from their labors rest,
and in gratitude for all the saints who walk the earth with us now,
let us go to the Lord in prayer.

Let us pray:

O Light of Christ, through Your infinite grace,

You have blessed us with the privilege of witnessing lives well lived,

*and as we remember the stellar saints of our church who have now joined the great
cloud of witnesses,*

*we pray that we may continue their faithful legacy by following in their footsteps and
reflecting Your light and love in the world.*

As we treasure the memories too numerous to count,

we thank You for the insights You taught,

for the love You shared,

and the light You shined through the lives of . . .

Doyle Wingard

Dick Wagner

Tom Witner

Charlene Witner

Lee Hart

As we lament the loss, grant that their influence would direct our steps in the days ahead . . .

and then send Your Spirit among us to lead us in Your way,

*so that we may participate in Your work of inaugurating Your kingdom of love and life,
for we ask it in the name of the One who blesses us with new life, abundant life, and
eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:11-24

¹¹ “When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. ¹² I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. ¹³ I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant. ¹⁴ Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.”

²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!”

²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.”

²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.”

²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.”

MEDITATION

“Response-Ability”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

BENEDICTION