



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SOLEMN CHORAL REQUIEM FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Highlands United Methodist Church affirms that nothing can separate anyone from the love of God. We invite all to worship, wonder, and discover God's grace as we aspire to create a safe space for all to participate fully in the life of this community of faith. We are called to shine as a beacon of hope, grace, belonging, and respect for all people. Regardless of age, gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, family, financial status, nationality, physical or mental ability, past or future, there is room for you at Highlands.

REQUIEM

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Rutter completed his *Requiem* in 1985. It bears the dedication "in memoriam L. F. R.", John Rutter's father, who had died the previous year. He conducted the first performance on 13 October 1985 at Lovers' Lane United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, where the director of Music, Allen Pote, prepared the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra. The soprano soloist was Karen Shafer. Several movements had been performed on 14 March 1985 at Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, California, by the Sanctuary Choir and ensemble, prepared by Mel Olsen, and also conducted by the composer.

Though Rutter is perhaps best known for his carols and other short pieces, Mr. Rutter also has several large-scale works for chorus and orchestra to his name. Most of these received their first performances in the United States, where Rutter is a frequent visitor, writing regularly for American choirs and conducting performances of his own music.

The *Requiem* does not adhere strictly to the conventional Catholic liturgy, but combines texts from the Requiem Mass and the Book of Common Prayer. This is by no means unusual; Faure, Brahms and Duruflé all followed their own individual preferences when selecting appropriate verses to set to music. Since its first performance, it has become a firm favorite with choirs and audiences the world over. Though it necessarily has its dark moments, Rutter's *Requiem* is unmistakably optimistic in its message of hope and comfort, expressed through the beauty of the chosen texts and Rutter's uplifting music. It is not entirely surprising that after the tragic events of 9/11 it was this setting of the Requiem that was the preferred choice of music at the many memorial services which followed across the USA.

THE CHOIR

SOPRANO

Tessa Brown
Ellen Buckner
Savannah Busby
Kara Cargile
Karlie Head
Caitlin Mullin
Renee Peacock
Rachel Satterwhite
Lizzy Tagtmeyer

ALTO

Naomi Archer
Kathy Burdette
Micaela Hamilton
Suzanne Phillips
Lee Stayer
Kendal Stine

TENOR

David Busby
Chris Culpepper
Tom Head
Dylan Higgs
Josh Rezek

BASS

Jacob Barrentine
Brian Bellenger
Jake Borton
Austin Hamilton
Thomas Head
Brett Huffman
Jack Smith

ORDER OF SOLEMN REQUIEM FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Setting: *Requiem* – John Rutter (b. 1945)

PREACHER AND CELEBRANT – THE REVEREND MIKAH HUDSON

LITURGIST – REGGIE HOLDER

CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST – RICHARD PHILLIPS

VERGERS – BRIAN BELLENGER, WILSON NASH

THE CHOIR

RACHEL SATTERWHITE, SOPRANO

SAVANNAH BUSBY, SOPRANO

***Congregation please stand. Words in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.**

Serving for Altar Guild: Nancy Barkemeyer

Serving as Ushers: Craig Taylor, Adam Caldwell

Serving as Lay Reader: Wendy Demark-Wahnefried

Serving as Acolytes: Emmalynne Hudson, Eleanor Hudson, Miriam Hudson

Serving as Communion Stewards: Angela Stowe, Julia Stowe

This Solemn Requiem, one of the many jewels in the liturgical crown of worship, begins and ends in silence.

In between, glorious music, full of yearning and hope fills the church and our hearts as we remember all those who have gone before us.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

*SOLEMN PROCESSION

*INTROIT AND KYRIE

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion; et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light eternal shine upon them.

It is fitting that a hymn should be raised unto thee in Zion and a vow paid to thee in Jerusalem.

Give ear to my prayer, O Lord, unto thee all flesh shall come at last.

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one community and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

May these words reveal Christ to us. Thanks be to God.

PSALTER

Psalm 149 Anglican Chant: Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
The Choir

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in his maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- ³ Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- ⁷ To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;
- ⁸ To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;
- ⁹ To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

May these words reveal Christ to us. **Thanks be to God.**

*SEQUENCE HYMN 711

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE
Descant Setting: Amos Hudson

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) and Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the key of A major (indicated by three sharps) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and also ends with a double bar line.

*GOSPEL LESSON

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Mikah Hudson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reggie Holder

THE HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The Communion Table is open to all who are in love with God and their neighbor and seek forgiveness and healing in this broken world.

*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

GREETING AND PARISH NOTICES

THE OFFERTORY

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Choir

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore, can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*DOXOLOGY 95

OLD 100TH

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people may be seated.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (Sung by The Choir)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRANT:

.... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

Nancy Holton

Paul Huck, Jr.

Judy Mills

Yvonne Norton

James Spencer

Vastine Stabler

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

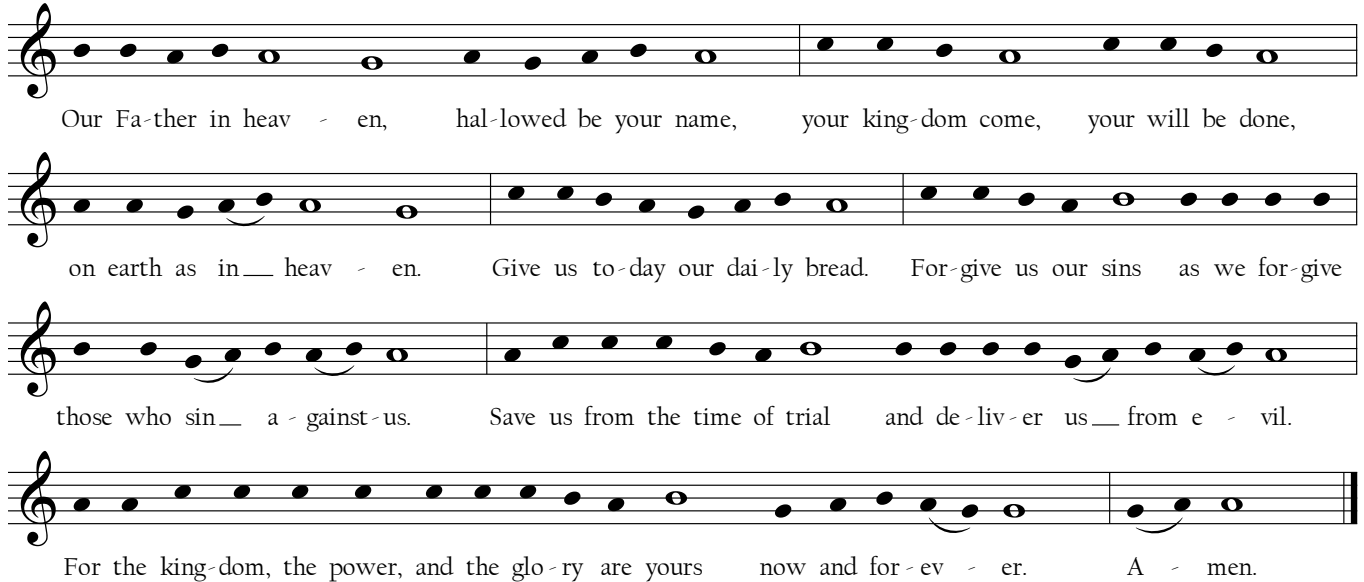
PIE JESU (Sung by The Choir)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis Domine. Requiem aeternam.

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem, dona eis Domine.

Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them rest. Blessed Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung by all)



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal-owed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in__ heav - en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin__ a - gainst-us. Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us__ from e - vil.
For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP & LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

In the United Methodist Church, all in attendance are welcome to participate fully in worship, including receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion. Please come forward as directed by the ushers to receive the bread and cup.

Holy Communion will be served by intinction; clergy will dip the bread into the cup and place in congregants' hands.

After receiving the sacrament, you are invited to light a candle in remembrance of a loved one.

AGNUS DEI (Sung by The Choir)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

Man that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.

He cometh up and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

In the midst of life, we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor?

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live;
And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

All my hope is firmly grounded in the great and living Lord;
Who, whenever I most need him, never fails to keep his word.
Him I must wholly trust, God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature, human, weak, and insecure:
Which of all the airy castles can the hurricane endure?
Built on sand, nought can stand, by our earthly wisdom planned.

But in every time and season, out of love's abundant store,
God sustains his whole creation, found of life for evermore.
We who share earth and air count on his unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator, through his only Son this day;
He alone, the Heavenly Potter, made us out of earth and clay.
Quick to heed, strong in deed, He shall all his people feed.

Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977

Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. by Fred Pratt Green, 1986

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

God of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gates of glory. May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we who drink his cup, bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LUX AETERNA (*Sung by The Choir*)

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours; even so saith the Spirit."

Lux aeterna luceat eis Domine; Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord; with Thy saints for ever, for art merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine on them.

*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

A period of silence is kept until The Choir has departed.

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



WELCOME TO HIGHLANDS!



ALL ARE WELCOME

A Reconciling Congregation with the Reconciling Ministries Network – rmnetwork.org

Highlands United Methodist Church is a community of disciples of Christ; a beacon of hope, inviting all to become new persons in Christ, to be sent into the world to share the Gospel, and to serve our neighbors; and a sanctuary for those in need of God's love and grace.

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INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The message of the Hebrew prophets, Jesus, Paul, and the early church was always a message of welcome and inclusion for all. The image of God's kingdom is of something small and insignificant growing into something larger and of great significance. The oppressed, the alien, and the outcast were all welcomed, included, and cared for. In this sense, our faith is built upon the idea of gracious hospitality. Followers of Jesus are not about walls of exclusion but bridges of grace and acceptance. Ours is a faith of invitation, for all to come to know Jesus as the living Christ who overcomes all brokenness, sin, and even death, offering a way to make all things new. This invitation extends to you. If you desire to explore what this means for you, please speak to a member of the clergy after the service or sometime this week. We welcome the opportunity to visit with you.

OFFERING

Cash or Check Giving:

- *Giving envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks may be made payable to HUMC.*

Electronic Giving:

- *Text GIVE to 205-900-3040. A link will be provided for a simple, quick way to give with one click.*
- *Visit www.highlandsumc.net/giving to give using a debit/credit card or bank account.*

Sustainable Giving:

- *To set up automatic monthly bank drafts, contact financial manager Tyra Johnson-Pirtle at finance@highlandsumc.net.*
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