

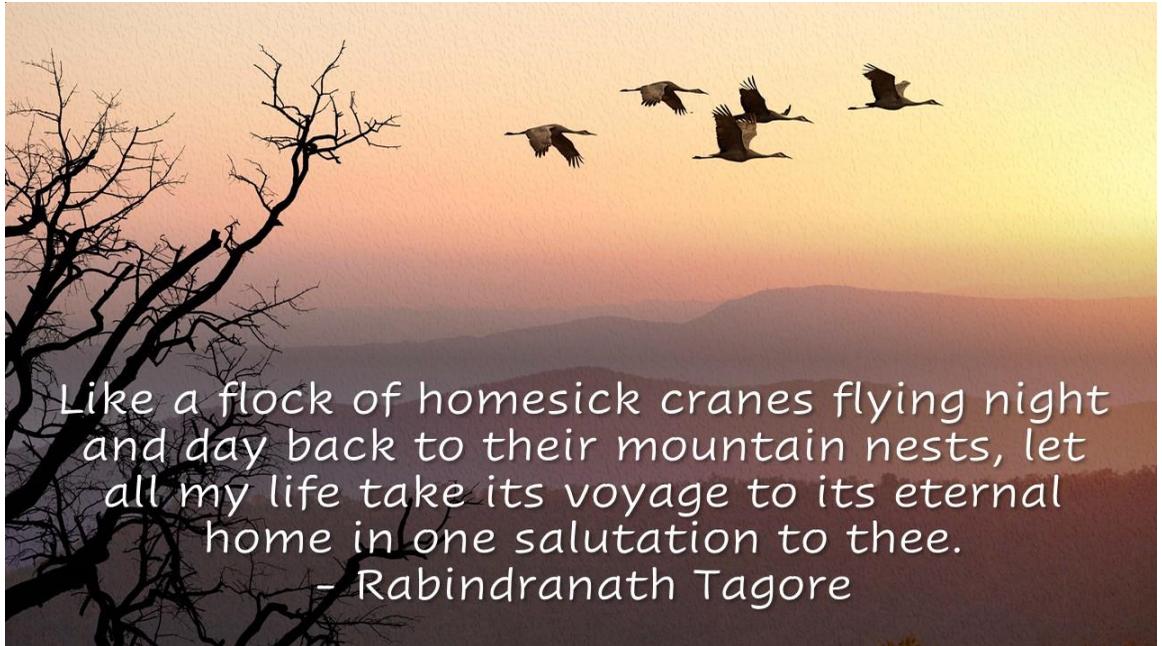
Covenant United Methodist Church

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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin

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Like a flock of homesick cranes flying night  
and day back to their mountain nests, let  
all my life take its voyage to its eternal  
home in one salutation to thee.  
- Rabindranath Tagore

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

**Call to Worship**

Hurricanes, floods, and environmental havoc;

**drones, IEDs, and assault rifles;**

covid, cancer, and dementia;

**poverty, injustice, and oppression.**

The ways of death in this world are many.

**The words of death surround us.**

The fear of death envelopes us.

**But we come now to hear a different Word,**

a true Word

**a life-giving Word.**

We are here on Isaiah's mountain

**where tears are wiped away,**

where a banquet table has been set,

**where death has been swallowed up forever.**

We do not fully understand it.

**We may not fully believe it.**

And yet here it is:

**the power of Christ's life within us and among us.**

*So let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation!*

~ written by Joanna Harader and posted on **Spacious Faith.** <https://spaciousfaith.com/>

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Scripture

Isaiah 25: 6-9

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Our Pilgrim Hearts”

Pastor Dawn

Remembering The Saints

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Priscilla...

**Ancestors of our faith, we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God...

**Teachers of our faith, we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles; those who have gone before us in our lifetime...

**Family of our faith, we remember you.**

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents and friends whose lives ended too soon...

**Those we hold close in our heart, we remember you.**

We gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the lives of those who have died from our congregation and our loved ones who have passed into new life in this past year. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

*(As each name is spoken, a candle will be lit and a chime will be rung. Family members may come to pick up the crane from the tree for their loved one.)*

John Urhlaub, 1/10/2020

Ardelle Wise 12/14/2020

Marge Irish, 5/31/2021

Sandy Kramer, 8/6/2021

Luis Lyons, 9/20/2021

Amy Martin, 9/20/2021

Sarah Zullo, 10/5/2021

Aron Roeck, Lois Utterback's nephew

Sara Daniels, Lois Utterback's coworker

Vivan Crouse, Anita Stonebraker's mom

Dr. Martha Skurla, Kim Irish's doctor

Diane Irish Pugh, Steve Irish's sister

Walter Seib, Julie Deranek's uncle

William Church, Dick Church's brother

Gregory Church, Dick Church's nephew

Frances Church Pratt, Dick Church's sister

David Mamagona, Dick Church's cousin

Eleanor Benica, Art Benica's sister-in-law

Carrie Trammelle, Taylor Trammelle's grandmother

Gordon Earle Davison, Ron Davison's dad

Let us pray:

We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

**Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and our daily lives, and you will not be forgotten. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.**

Special Music

Crystal River

arr. Heather Sorenson

Kim Irish, Nancy Wilcox, Ron Davison, Margaret Chinn,  
Camille Bohannon, David Post

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Confession (*please pray silently*)

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Closing Hymn

Shall We Gather At the River

Benediction

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marie and George Skora by their daughter, Camille Bohannon.