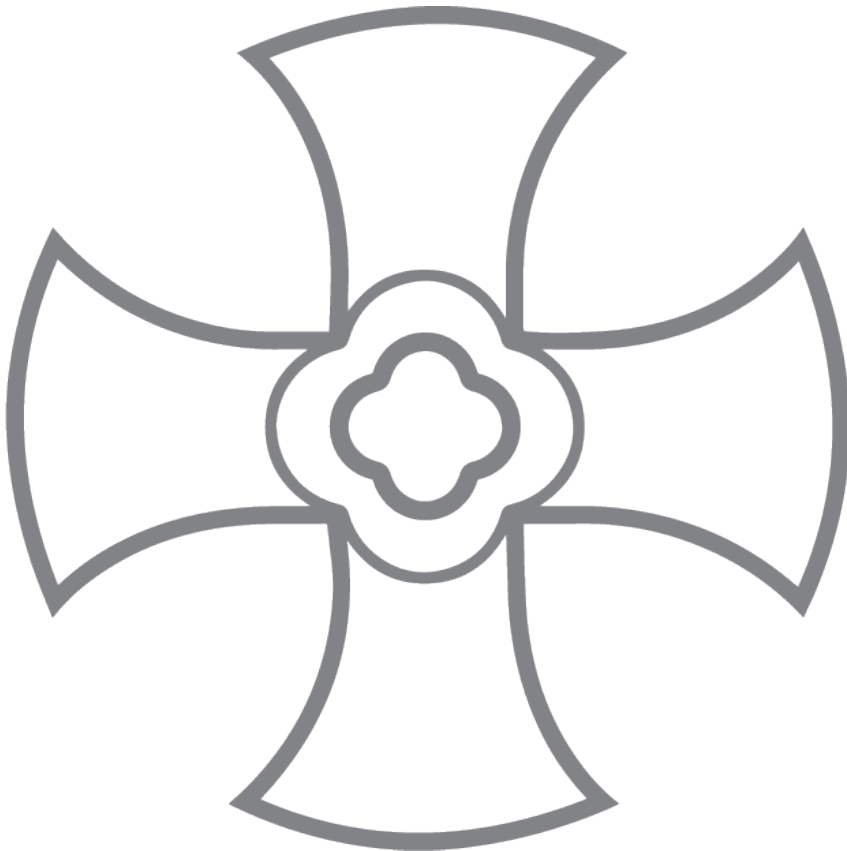




**The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

September 20, 2026

# Welcome to Resurrection!

We're glad you're here! At Church of the Resurrection (Rez), we believe that you can be transformed by encountering the love of Jesus. Through this encounter, many people have received healing, become part of a community, and learned to serve others. Our vision is to invite everyone into this kind of transforming relationship with Jesus and his Church, whether you are exploring Christianity for the first time or grew up attending church.

If you are visiting us for the first time or watching on livestream, we are so excited to have you with us. We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Woodley".

**Fr. Matt Woodley**  
Senior Associate Rector  
[churchrez.org](http://churchrez.org)



**Anglican Diocese**  
*of the* **Upper Midwest**

As the cathedral church, Resurrection is the headquarters for our regional family of churches, the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Midwest, as well as the home of Bishop Stewart Ruch. The mission of our Diocese is to plant a revival of Word and Sacrament infused by the Holy Spirit.

We are also a member of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).



**Bishop Stewart E. Ruch III**  
Diocese of the Upper Midwest  
[midwestanglican.org](http://midwestanglican.org)



# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

## Visiting?

We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Guest Center.

## Children

Children's ministry is available at both our 8:30am and 10:30 am Sunday services for infants through 5th grade.

## Youth

RezYouth for middle and high school students meets Wednesday nights starting at 6:30pm. Middle schoolers meet until 8pm, and high schoolers meet until 8:30pm.

## Questions?

- For general questions:  
[office@churchrez.org](mailto:office@churchrez.org)
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## Sunday Worship

8:30am & 10:30am



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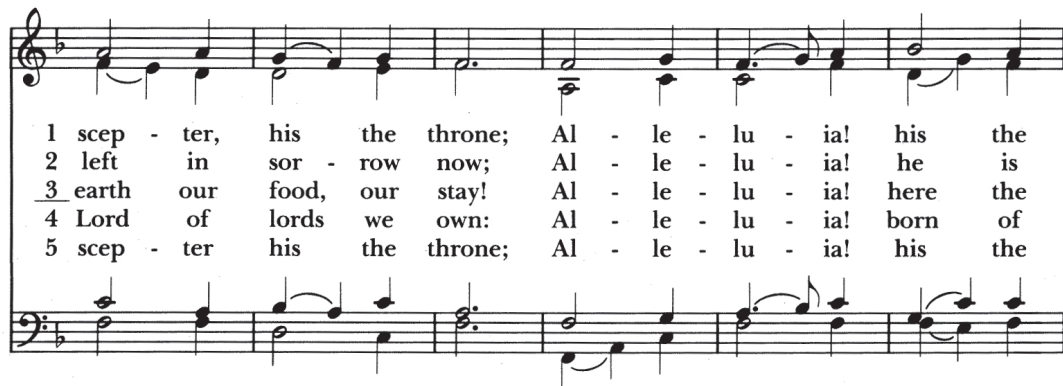
# The Word of God

## The Processional Hymn

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



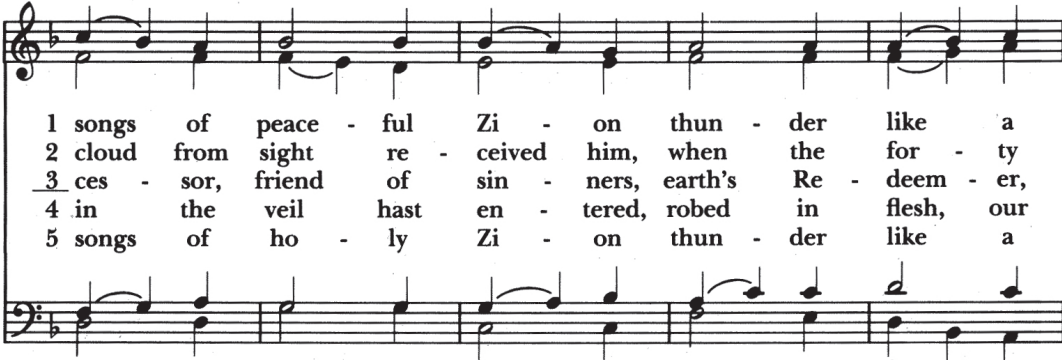
1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



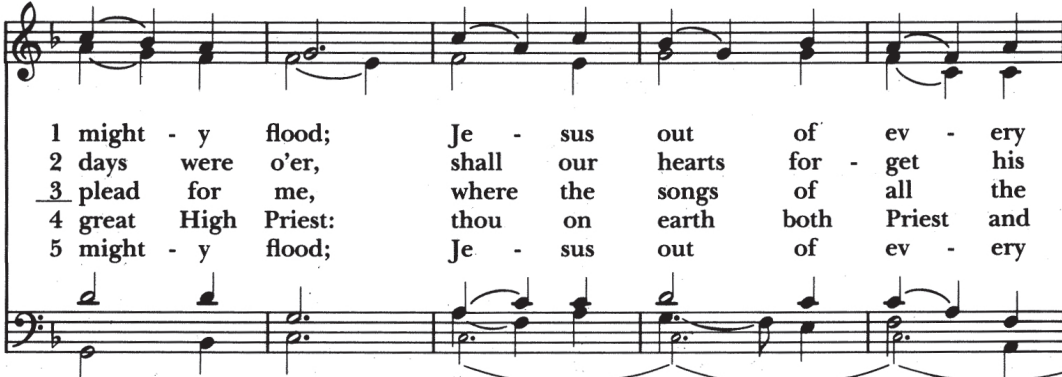
1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the



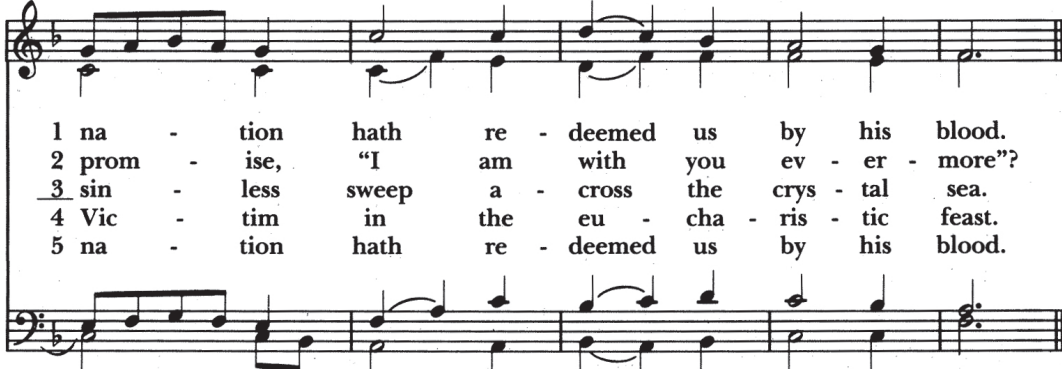
1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the



1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a



1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery



1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898)  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

# The Acclamation

CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

# The Collect for Purity

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.*

ALL: **Amen.**

# The Summary of the Law

CELEBRANT: *Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:*

*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 22:37–40).*

# The Kyrie

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

CELEBRANT: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## Songs of Worship

*The Gloria may be sung.*

## The Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

*O Lord, you have taught us that without love, all our deeds are worth nothing; Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

# The Lessons

*Please be seated for the readings from the Bible.*

READER: *A reading from the Book of Jonah.*

## **Jonah 3:10–4:11 (ESV)**

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 145:14–21 (BCP 2019)**

- <sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all those who fall \*  
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
- <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.
- <sup>16</sup> You open wide your hand, \*  
and fill all things living with plenteousness.
- <sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and merciful in all his works.
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully
- <sup>19</sup> He will fulfill the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he also will hear their cry and will help them.
- <sup>20</sup> The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he will destroy all the ungodly.
- <sup>21</sup> My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name  
for ever and ever.

*Please stand.*

## **Alleluia**

READER: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

## **Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)**

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## **Alleluia**

*During the Alleluia following the Gospel reading, children in grades 1–5 who have been checked in to RezKids may follow the banner to exit the Sanctuary through the center doors and proceed to the RezKids room.*

# **The Sermon**

## **Laboring in the Economy of Grace**

**—Fr. Will Chester, Associate Rector**

# The Nicene Creed

*Please stand for the Creed  
and the Prayers of the People.*

CELEBRANT: *Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:*

ALL: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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# Prayers of the People

LEADER: *Lord, in your mercy:*

ALL: **Hear our prayer.**

## **Global Partner Spotlight: Saeeda**

*Each week, we pray for one of our global partners. Use this bio as a reminder to pray for them today and throughout the week. Due to safety concerns, we are often limited in how much we can share about the location and nature of this ministry.*

*Saeeda serves as an English teacher in Central Asia, where she builds relationships with local friends and students and shares the hope of the Gospel with them.*

# The Confession of Sin

DEACON: *Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.*

*Please be seated or kneel. There will be a time of silence.*

ALL: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has  
promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and  
with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver  
you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and  
bring you to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# The Comfortable Words

CELEBRANT: *Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.*

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).*

# The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

*Please use this time to share the peace of Christ with those around you.*

*Parents of nursery through kindergarten, please pick up your children from their classrooms before the announcements. Parents of grades 1-5, please stay in your seats. After the announcements, shepherds will bring children to the sanctuary center chute. Children will then find you.*

# The Offertory

## Year to Date Income

*July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026*

| Actual    | Budget    | Difference |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| \$336,996 | \$370,594 | (\$33,598) |

## Current Month Outlook

| September Goal | September Giving | Difference  |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|
| \$179,940      | \$67,091         | (\$112,850) |

## Give Online

*Scan the code to  
give by card or bank  
account or go to  
[churchrez.org/give](http://churchrez.org/give)*



# Holy Communion

## The Doxology

*Please stand.*

ALL: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT: *Lift up your hearts.*

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

PEOPLE: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

ALL: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might!  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!**

"Holy, Holy, Holy," by Richard Leonard, © 1997 Laudemont Ministries.

CELEBRANT: *... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

ALL: Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

CELEBRANT: . . . *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

ALL: Amen.

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*

ALL: 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

ALL: **We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose character is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.*

*Please be seated. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and are committed to following Jesus are welcome to receive Communion. Ushers will release you row by row. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the silver trays. Please dispose of used cups in the buckets available on tables in your section.*

# Songs of Worship

*gently*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

The first system of the musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, while the accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;".

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second system continues the musical score in the same key and time signature. The melody concludes with a half note, and the accompaniment ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.".

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: Heavenly Father,  
We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out to do the work  
you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

CELEBRANT: *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts  
and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.*

ALL: Amen.

## The Dismissal

DEACON: *Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.



# RezNews

What's next at Resurrection

## **New? Join First-Step**

Starts Today at 10:30am Upstairs

New to Resurrection? Join us for First-Step, a two-part introduction to our church. Come meet leaders, hear about our stories and values, and get to know others. No sign up necessary!

### **MORE**

## **RezCollege Kickoff | Today After the 10:30am Service**

Join us for lunch right around the corner at 524 Western Ave, then come back the following week for the beginning of our RezCollege Sunday night gatherings, weekly from 5-7pm.

## **THRIVE Support Group | Today, 12:15-1:45pm**

Parents and caregivers of individuals impacted by disabilities are invited to join us today in Timothy & Acts 1 Rooms. Lunch is served and childcare is provided. No RSVP is necessary!

## **Register for Confirmation Class | Starting September 27**

If you're interested in exploring membership at Resurrection or in just learning more about Anglicanism, you'd benefit from our Confirmation Class. This 8-week course meets on Sunday afternoons in the Timothy Room.

## **Revive 2026: Asking God | October 23-24**

Join us for Revive, our annual diocesan gathering held at Rez. Come worship, pray, and learn with our diocesan family as we explore this year's theme: Asking God. Register at [revive.midwestanglican.org](http://revive.midwestanglican.org).

## **Rooted in Scripture | Starting September 23**

Rooted in Scripture – our weekly adult Bible class – will resume with a seven-week study on the book of Micah. The class meets in the sanctuary from 7-8pm on Wednesday nights from September 23 to November 4.

## **Fall Alpha | Thursday Nights, Starting September 24**

Invite a friend to join us for a meal and conversation about the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Join us on Thursday nights at Rez from 6:30-8:30pm.

## **All Saints Prayer Chapel Renovations | Closed Until October 1**

The All Saints Prayer Chapel is getting a fresh look in preparation for Prayer 21! Due to renovations, please note that the chapel will be closed until Prayer 21 begins on October 1.

## **Prayer 21 SignUps Open**

Details at [churchrez.org/prayer21](http://churchrez.org/prayer21)

This October, we are coming together as a church family to cry out to the Lord for renewal. Join us for 24/7 prayer starting October 1 in the All Saints Chapel. Sign up for individual prayer slots and join us for daily morning and evening prayer and worship.

**Find the details at [churchrez.org/events](http://churchrez.org/events)**