



18th Sunday After Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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Prelude

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome

Call to Worship *(Adapted from Worship-Ways, by United Church of Christ)*

Jesus challenges us in today's gospel:

Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.

Then Jesus took a little child and put it among them; and taking the child in his arms, he said to them:

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

We are still learning today what Jesus came to teach us two thousand years ago. To change the world we must change the way we love and welcome all children!

May we learn to love all children as if they were our own!

Jesus has called us to welcome children as a way to welcome you. Hear our voices as we welcome the children in our midst:

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!

God of compassion and justice, hear our voices:

With the presence of our children we welcome you!

Teach us the way to make the last first and to be servants of all.

Guide us in your way of humility and service.

Show us how to become disciples of Jesus Christ your Child and our brother.

We ask for blessings on all your children in our holy family. **Amen**

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

Gathering Song

God is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Glory to God

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Salutation

God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon





1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.



SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

Scripture

P: Hear the testimony of the Holy Scriptures concerning baptism:

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

The Ethiopian said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"...Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the Ethiopian saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:36, 38-39)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. In this new life we are joined across time and space to our ancestors who have lived and died in the faith and to the whole Christian community on earth. Their witness supports our Christian journey. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Presentation

Irma and Jose Hernandez Gonzalez present their children:

Before the God of our ancestors and on behalf of this congregation, we present Josiah Julian Jose Hernandez Gonzalez and Jace Hernandez Gonzalez for baptism.

P: As you present your children for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Irma and Jose Hernandez Gonzalez, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do.

Meghan Cyr, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: W do.

People of God, do you promise to support Josiah Julian Jose Hernandez Gonzalez and Jace Hernandez Gonzalez and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

Profession

Renunciation of Evil

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I do.**

Profession of Faith

P: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

All: **I do.**

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father:

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Baptism and Affirmation

Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and creeks. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we pray: Breathe your Spirit into this water, and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen**

Baptism

Josiah Julian Jose Hernandez Gonzalez, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Jace Hernandez Gonzalez, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The congregation responds with the following acclamation:

All: Blessed by God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Laying on Hands

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen

Signing with the Cross and Anointing

Josiah Julian Jose Hernandez Gonzalez, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Jace Hernandez Gonzalez, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen

Welcome

Presentation with the Candle

P: Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

Welcome

P: Through Baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

The congregation welcomes the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the People (We respond after each petition.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (King James Version, 1611)

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
in 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, for ever,
Amen.



Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Prayer After Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen**

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

Bethel Discernment Team Consecration

Sunday, September 23, 2018

These leaders have agreed to work with Pastor Core and Pastor Moe as the Bethel Discernment Team:

- PJ Bentley
- Ryan Burghard
- JulieAnn Edman
- Naso Michaels
- Cate Milburn
- Holly Redfern
- Lisa Siems

This team is committed to prayerfully guide the congregation in conversation, to offer opportunities to grieve and to envision a new future, to work through decisions as a whole and to move together into a common future.

LET US PRAY:

Pour out, O God, upon these chosen leaders compassion and courage, wisdom and strength, ears to hear and eyes to see, hands to reach out and hearts to hold close the treasures of your promises. May your Spirit guide them and us as we discern your will for us now and into the near future. Amen

LET US PRAY:

Gracious God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go forth with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

In My Life, Lord be Glorified

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
2 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
Prayers for all immigrants and refugees seeking a better life.	Prayers that we unite as one people, that all come to know each person is a citizen of God's realm and apart of God's holy family.	The Bethel Community
Vance	Prayers for healing.	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Lori Fields	Prayers for courage and strength as she recently received a stage 4 liver cancer diagnosis.	Karen Anderson
David Nokken	Prayers for peace and comfort at the sudden death of their brother and son.	LeAnn Micheals
John Houdeshell	Prayers for healing and comfort John who was critically injured by a hit and run driver.	Pastor Christine
The Renner-Lassiter Family	Prayers for courage and strength as their two kids struggle with an undiagnosed a debilitating undiagnosed disease	Summer Kaplan
Prayers for peace and comfort for the family of Suresh Battan.	Mr. Battan was one of our community breakfast guests.	The Bethel Community
Merrie Ross, Friend of Bethel and daughter of Bethel Player Laurie Ross	Peace, comfort and healing from complications from surgery; wisdom for her doctors and all caregivers	Svea Erickson and Tana Bishop
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Sept 23	Next Week - Sept 30
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Musician:	LeAnn Michaels	Jamie Vandenberg
Usher:	Ruth and Dorian Bentley	Ruth and Dorian Bentley
Reader:		
Communion:	Mary and PJ Bentley	
Preparation of the Altar:		



COMING UP:

Bethel News

- October 5-7** Women's Retreat on the McKenzie River
October 6 Super Service Saturday for all children and their parents
October 13 Confirmation Class, 1 – 2:30 pm in Pastor Christine's office

SAVE THE DATE:

THE BETHEL PLAYERS PRESENT:

Reanimated – The Bride of Frankenpastor!

Tickets go on sale **October 1, 2018**

- 11/2 Friday Night Informal | 7 pm, \$15/advance or \$17 door
 11/3 Saturday "Just the Play" matinée | 1:30 pm — \$10
 11/4 Saturday Dinner | 7 pm, \$20/advance or \$22/door
 11/5 Sunday Dessert | 3 pm, \$15/advance or \$17/door

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OTHER NEWS

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Each Sunday following the Children's Message

SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

For children of all ages and their parents. Saturday, October 6, time TBA.

PASTOR SCHEDULE

Pastor Core and Pastor Moe will be attending the Bishop's Convocation October 8, 9 and 10. They will both be available by text message or by voice mail during this meeting.

SOUTHEAST ORGANIZING PEOPLE OF FAITH CORE TEAM

As people of faith who have witnessed the trauma of houselessness, our own ELCA staff has been in conversation with the people of SE Portland, both housed and houseless. A new shelter is scheduled to open at SE 65th and Foster. Many housed neighbors are concerned about this new shelter and how it will affect their neighborhood livability. The ELCA is on the front lines presenting a public face of our churches in modeling constructive conversations and relationship building.

Southeast Portlanders are having these conversations whether our churches are there or not; as people of God, we are all invited to be present and take part? If you are interested in seeing what this work is about, and participating in a church led action at the shelter site in December, please join us! **Contact Katy Rustvold (katyrustvold@mac.com)**



The Lord's Prayer, also called Our Father, or in Latin, Pater Noster, is a Christian prayer that according to tradition, was taught by Jesus to his disciples. It appears in two forms in Christian Scripture: a shorter version in the Gospel of Luke 11:2–4 and the longer version, part of the Sermon on the Mount, in the Gospel of Matthew 6:9–13. In both contexts it is offered as a model of how to pray.

This prayer resembles other prayers that came out of the Jewish tradition of Jesus' time. The prayer contains three common elements of Jewish prayers: praise, petition, and a yearning for the coming kingdom of God.

Most Christians know the prayer by heart in their own language, and it is used today by every Christian tradition worldwide. The prayer is simple enough to be memorized by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. The prayer helps us understand God is accessible to us and that prayer is something anyone can do. We do not have to use complicated words or flowery language. God isn't swayed by arguments or by length or by skill, or even by the words we use in our prayer. God simply, and always, invites us into conversation.

During this season, we will pray The Lord's Prayer in different forms and translations. Different words for well-known prayer are often used because the sound and feel of different words in our senses often piques our interest and helps us hear the depth of the prayer in a new way. The diversity of our humanity is reflected in the versions of the Lord's Prayer we have selected. Come along with us on this exploration, and if at the end of this time, the version you grew up with is the best for you, then pray as you have been taught.

We begin our journey with the King James Version published in 1611. We are sparing you the original Aramaic words and the Latin and Greek translations as well as the incomprehensible (to our eyes and ears) the Old and Middle English versions.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (KING JAMES VERSION, 1611)

This translation, first published in 1611, was "authorized" by King James I in England. When James took the throne, a number of English translations of the Bible was causing disunity in the kingdom. James I called a conference of theologians and churchmen at Hampton Court in order to hear and then resolve things that were amiss in the church. He sought to deal with ecclesiastical grievances of all sorts. A number of those present pressed the new king for a new translation with the overall goal of producing a better translation than any other then in existence, a translation that could be understood by common people.

Not everyone was initially open to this new translation, however. There were some from more conservative expressions of the Christian faith who initially resisted publication of the King James Version of the Bible. Over time, it has become well-known for its "majesty of style". Scholars note this translation has been a driving force in the shaping of the English-speaking world.

NO ON MEASURE 105 CAMPAIGN

Promoted by hate groups in and out of state, Ballot Measure 105 will appear on November's ballot. Measure 105 will throw out Oregon's thirty-year-old "sanctuary law," a statute that has protected our most core values by disentangling local and state law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement.

Shared Values: *People of faith are bound together by a shared vision that calls us to live the core practices of hospitality, inclusion and community.*

- **Vision of Beloved Community:** Faith traditions around the world cast a vision of a reality in which all people are in right relationship with one another. This kind of sacred "beloved community" is written about in all our holy scriptures in a variety of names. We are grounded in this vision and our hope for the restoration of all things. We live this vision into being now through collective action that embodies the beloved community and cries for justice.
- **Equity and Inclusion:** Sacred texts across tradition call people of faith into the practice of equity and inclusion for those sojourning through their lands. Thirty six times the Hebrew scriptures command the following: "The foreigner who lives among you must be treated like one of your own. Love them as you love yourself, for you too were a foreigner in the land of Egypt."
- **United, Interdependent and Diverse Community:** We are called to create communities united in common purpose and vision, embracing our differences in background, color, creed and country of origin, yet refusing to allow the world to divide us because of them. In Buddhism, the core concept of interdependence applies to the laws of our state. The web of life is a complex and infinitely rich tapestry in which everything and everyone is interwoven. It is easy to view those who are different from us as separate and unrelated but this is an illusion. Our well-being depends on the well-being of those around us.

As people of faith, we recognize when the laws of the state help or hinder our movement toward a more just and peaceful reality for our neighborhoods and our world. We commit now to resist this act of white supremacy and xenophobia, and we encourage people of good faith across Oregon to vote NO on Measure 105.

CALLED TO COURAGE, LED BY LOVE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – 6 PM
Evergreen, 618 SE Alder, Portland

Our partners at the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice are holding a fundraising celebration at the Evergreen in SE Portland on Thursday, September 27th. Enjoy a fun evening of storytelling, Salvadoran food, and live music as we give thanks for the past year of organizing, advocacy, and accompaniment and raise support for the critical work ahead!. Will you let Pastor Christine know if you can make it?

For more information visit: <http://imirj.org/called-to-courage>