



Reformation Day

October 31, 2021

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us, whether in-person or via Zoom, 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. 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.

Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the bread of Life.”

Prelude

Reformation Call to Worship

Today we remember the sacrifices made and the risks taken by Martin Luther and the Reformers in the 16th century.

We celebrate the church that was, the church that is, and the church that will be . . . always reforming!

We give thanks for the gift of God's grace that saves and salves us, the grace that is amazing, abounding and all-inclusive.

We celebrate grace upon grace, overflowing, freely given, radical and reckless . . . grace alone!

We celebrate the gift of faith that moves mountains and sees beyond the storms.

We celebrate letting go and trusting God, God's steadfastness and strength, who will never leave us or forsake us when we are called to make sacrifices and take risks . . . faith alone!

We celebrate the Word of God, speaking everything into being, made flesh to speak good news in Jesus Christ, and speaking still through Prophets and Reformers, protesters and all kinds of people.

We celebrate your Word that goes forth to accomplish the things for which you send it, written on stone tablets, written on pages we call the Bible, and written on our hearts . . . Word alone!

The Lord of Hosts, The Living Word, is with us!

The God of Jacob and Rachel and Leah, The God of Martin and Katie Luther, The God of All the Ages, is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble!

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.

Hymn

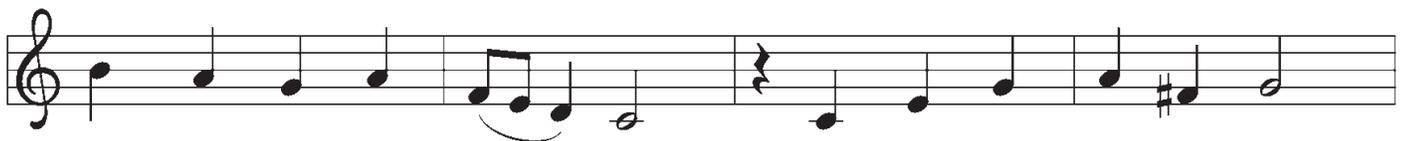
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

We cannot see in the future,
We cannot see through dark clouds.
We cannot see through teardrops,
But walk on by faith each day.

Walk on, walk on,
Let Jesus be your guide.

He can see way down the road
Walk on by faith each day,
Walk on by faith each day.

THE WORD

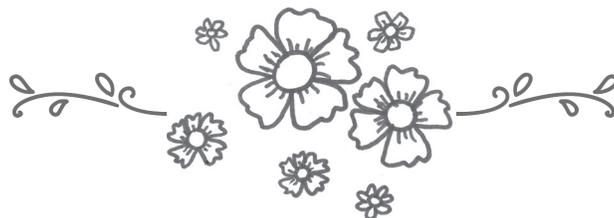
Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Gracious God, we pray for your whole Church, everywhere, in all of its expressions. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, continue to reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reconcile and reunite it; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lover of our Souls. Amen.



Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

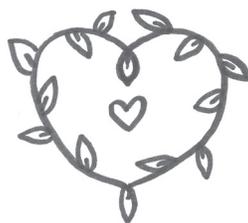
But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.
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.



Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Time & Blessing of Trick-or-Treaters



Sermon



Hymn

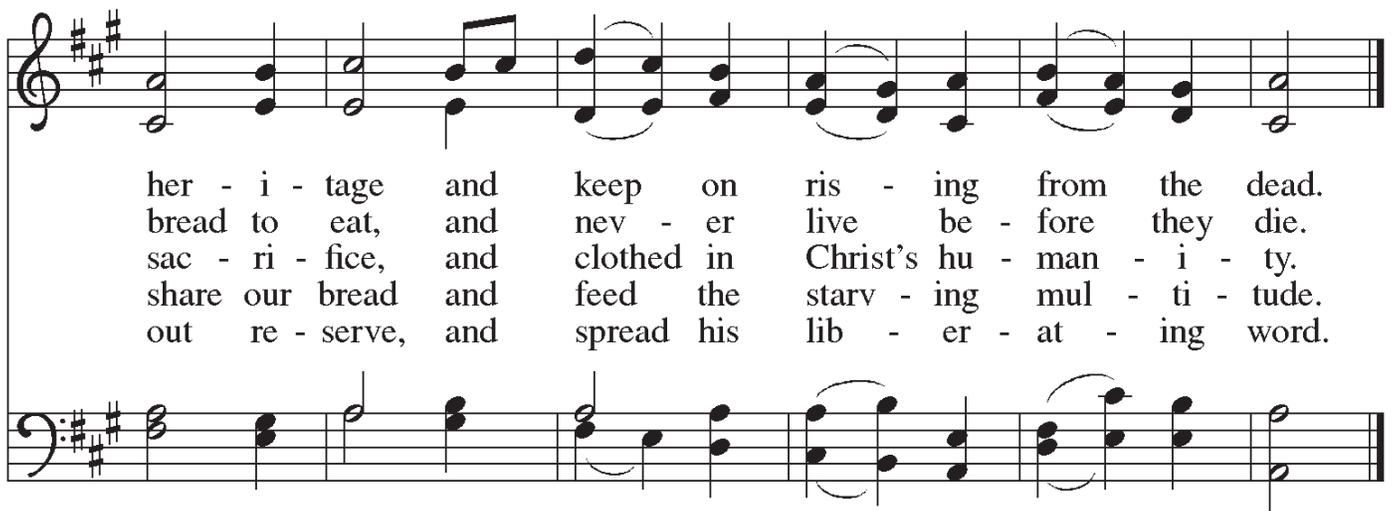
The Church of Christ, In Every Age, verses 1, 2 & 3



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Offering and Affirmation of Giving (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.

We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.

We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.

We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.

For Christ has died. Christ is risen. And Christ will come again!

Donate online at <http://bethelpdx.org/donate/> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171 or donate by mail.

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink.

Living God, Giver of Life, as your Spirit moved over the waters at creation,

Move over bread and cup and grace our table with your life-giving presence!

As your Spirit filled disciples on the day of Pentecost,

Set our hearts on fire with your love and empower us for ministry through this meal!

And as your Spirit guided Reformers to make changes in the Church in the 16th century,

Open us to your Spirit of Change and continue to reform your Church!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us when you come again in your glory, and teach us to pray:

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music

Time Like The Desert

SENDING

Announcements

Farewell & Godspeed for Kathleen Hollingsworth

Sending Hymn

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Blessing

Gracious God, Creator, (+) Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Postlude

God Is In The House

Sharing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You may remain on zoom to share the peace and visit with your Bethel Family.



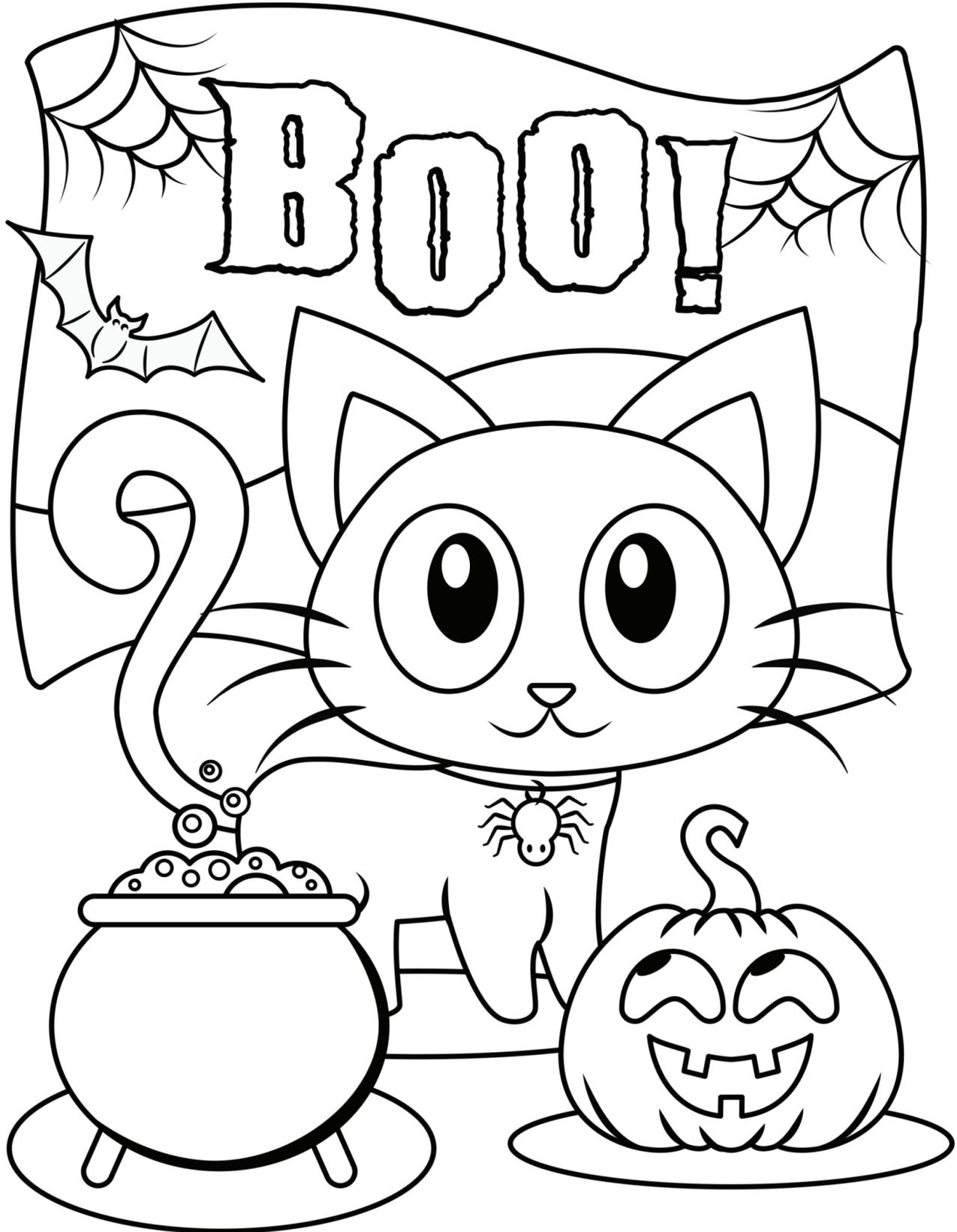
Thank you Marion Nelson for your artwork.

Stewardship of Service	This Week - Oct 31	Next Week - Nov 7
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth
Zoom Host	Ryan Burghard	Summer Kaplan

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Pray for health, stamina, well-being, and passion for learning for all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Ronda Bard
Faith St. John	Healing & support as she undergoes cancer treatment.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David & Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
The Griffin Family	Prayer for Harry as he continues physical therapy & chemo, but is in good spirits.	Staff
Katie Reitel and her Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as Katie is in hospice care with a long battle with brain cancer. She is at home with her husband Matt, her 7-year-old son Teddy, and her mom Liz. Please keep her and family in your prayers during this difficult time.	The Bentleys
Jim Van Dyke	Prayers for Jim after his surgery while he undergoes further treatment for cancer.	Karen Anderson
Cheyenne and Kent Marx, Pastor Glenn's niece & husband	Prayers for Cheyenne and Kent Marx as they live through the consequences of the accident that killed Glenn's nephew Colton.	Karen Anderson
Mitch Fletcher & Family	Prayers for Mitch Fletcher and his family.	Karen Anderson
The Bethel Call Committee	Prayers for clear thinking, compassion, and stamina for the Call Committee!	Rhonda Bard
Mary Hollingsworth (Kathleen's mom)	Prayers of healing for Mary Hollingsworth, recovering from a broken leg	Holly Redfern
Rose Marie (Ray Bard's niece)	Prayers for Rose Marie, in the midst of wildfires and evacuated from her home.	Holly Redfern
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for Leo Lawrence, being treated for kidney cancer.	Karen Anderson
Bethel Community	Prayers of gratitude for the family of Bethel. Your warm welcome, help, and inspiration, back into communion and community have been a healing blessing.	Ginamarie L. Pezzi
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Patricia Connor.		

[Bethel News: w://us18.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=de62ac9195b867478ad8a19cd&id=b3b3a27814](https://us18.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=de62ac9195b867478ad8a19cd&id=b3b3a27814)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Full news is online www.bethelpdx.org/weekly news

**Please access the online versions to view links.*

Call Committee Updates, October 29

When can Bethel welcome a new pastor? And who will it be?

We Bethelites are curious! As we ponder how to share our Good News, how to be good stewards, how to love our neighbors (and each other!), and how to regroup in the new COVID era, we also wonder who will provide pastoral care and leadership as we move forward. There's plenty of scope here for the Holy Spirit to act within our deliberations!

The Call Committee that you created also seeks to walk in the Spirit. Both online and in-person interviews are completed. We have shared information, resources, and references with the candidates and received theirs. We strive to follow the guidelines provided in the Synod's resource, *Congregations in Transition: Discerning our Future Together*, available [HERE](#).

The steps in Phase III of the transition, The Call Process

- Establishing and installing a Call Committee: **DONE**
- Receiving candidates for evaluation and a possible call: **DONE**
- Initial online interviews of candidates: **DONE**
- Preparation for formal interviews: **DONE**
- Formal interviews of candidates: **DONE**
- Post-interview discernment of best candidate: **DONE**
- Post-interview communications with candidates: **IN PROGRESS**
- Recommendation of best candidate to Council: **TO BE SCHEDULED**
- Preliminary compensation discussion among candidate, Call Committee Chair, & Council Pres.
- Special Council meeting:
 - ◊ Vote on candidate recommendation
 - ◊ Vote on compensation
 - ◊ Scheduling of congregational meeting
 - ◊ Notification of the Synod Bishop
- Special Congregational meeting:
 - ◊ Vote to call the pastoral candidate
 - ◊ Vote to approve compensation package

For questions about the call process, contact me, any Call Committee member or Pastor Dunfee.

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From Ginamarie Pezzi

October 29

I'm happy to say, as part of my continuing personal stabilization efforts, Transitions project has made it possible for me to move into an apartment this Friday. I am in need of furniture such as:

- Double Bed
- Night Stand/or Small Table
- Lamp
- Chest of drawers
- Lounging type Chair
- Throw rug

If you are able to provide any of those items, please call 971-323-9350 or email me .

Again, I simply want to thank you for your prayers and support.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Ginamarie L. Pezzi

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Except From Letter from Your Interim Pastor

October 29

Dear Bethel Family:

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 7th, the first Sunday after All Saints Day this year, we will remember and give thanks for all these Saints. You are invited to wear white, if you are able, the color for all the saints according to the Book of Revelation. In John's vision in Revelation 6:11, "They were each given a white robe and told to enter into God's rest." (See also Revelation 9:9, 14 & 19:8). You are also invited to have a candle in your place of worship if you are on zoom. During the Worship Service we will light candles in the sanctuary and at home in remembrance of those who have died and been raised to new life—knowing that in Christ, "The Light of the World" (John 8:12 & 9:5), their light still burns brightly!

RESURRECTION LIGHT & LOVE

Celebrating All Saints Day and All Saints Sunday is like another celebration of Easter. Indeed, Easter is the reason we worship on Sunday and not Saturday—which is actually "the Sabbath". Sunday is "the first day of the week", when "the women went to the tomb" and found it empty because "Christ is risen!" (Mark 16:2 & 6). Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection—and especially All Saints Sunday. We remember that our loved ones who have died are alive with Christ. And we will be, too. We will become part of that "cloud of witnesses".

In Divine Light and Love,
Pastor Scott Dunfee



November Birthdays

- 5** Carol Knight
- 8** John Core
- 16** Barbara Lynch
- 21** Collin Burdick
- 25** Myrna Dunnigan
- 26** Phyllicia McGowan
- 30** John Knight