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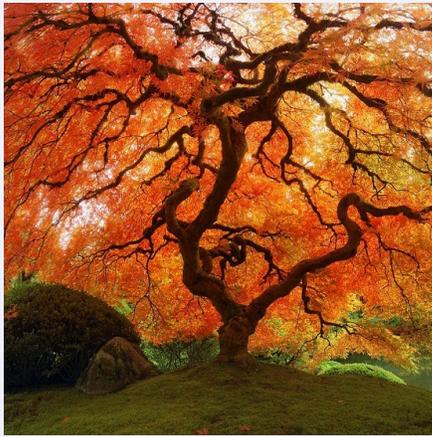
September 25, 2022 – Sixteenth Sunday In Pentecost

“Whoever wishes to become great among you
must be your servant ”
~ Mark 10:43 ~



Why I Joined The Church

Ellen — Monterey, California — March 10, 2008



Each season of life brings new challenges, opportunities, and changes. For me, every Autumn has brought the best of these with it. I remember a moment when I looked out of a second-story window of my home. My eyes alighted upon a tree, almost

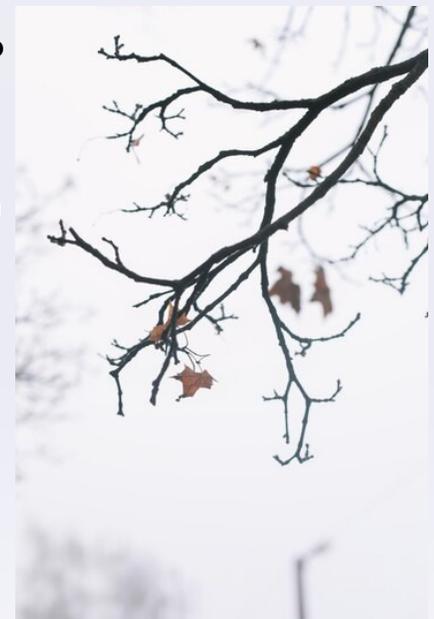
barren at the edges of Fall. I began to write about what this tree inspired in me. I wrote as the last leaves left its branches, as they blew along the crisp ground into the yards of neighbors. This beautiful scene sparked the most important aspect of my education. Fall teaches us how to live.

A tree at Autumn's end is absent of its lively leaves. Rather than associating this with loss, I associate it with openness. The shedding of leaves in a tree is the ability to let go in humans. In the Fall, we have the opportunity to leave behind the burdens, past beliefs, and habits of the year and open ourselves for change. A barren tree is blissful.

The Fall leaves abandon the tree, both to ease regrets and enlighten others. As the leaves tumble through the wind, they cross many paths. A leaf from my yard could end up beneath the foot of a runner across the street or on the roof of a house in another town. These ideas are not forgotten or lost. They reappear in the Spring, intact but changed. The transcendent quality of a leaf is the ability to open up or touch someone in humans. We can talk to others about our burdens or share our optimism and ideals. Both practices bring about openness, change, and personal growth.

Each Fall I observe the trees. They drive me to capture their beauty in a photograph, their teachings in poetry. These inspirations breed self-reflection. I began this reflection in adolescence. I felt directionless in high school, with so many self-assured people around me. Fall motivated me to understand how my peers found personal direction. With the teachings of this season behind me, I opened myself to change. During a cool September, at sixteen, I started dating my first boyfriend and working at my first job. I attended sophomore English and received an education from a teacher who inspired me. Three years later I have the same boyfriend and job, and I have decided to become an English teacher to inspire others.

Every season of life brings change, but none compare to Autumn. By letting go of past disappointments I found direction. I came to understand the self-made success of others. I opened myself to love and honest work, and discovered a dream to touch others through teaching. Now, in my second year of college, I still live by these teachings. Each Autumn I let go of the past. I remain the same at the core, but open myself to understanding and self-reflection. Like those beautifully barren branches, I stretch to the sun and strive for excellence. Trust in the teachings of Fall trees and leaves, this I believe.





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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord



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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For Eleanor Hathaway & Carol Shore's brother Dean Eckert
- For Fritz & Jean Wainwright, Jean Miller, and Fran Kraft
- For Dave Hammell & Joe Celkupa
- For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba and her brother Angel
- For Aiden Witte, Brittany Zier & Marleigh
- For Polly Grobelny, her son in law, Donald & her daughter Ava
- For Ginny Heal, Carl Wainwright & Heidi's father Robert
- For Jack Harkins healing after a complicated surgical procedure
- For Bob Hunt whose cancer has returned
- For Bobby Cox to feel the Lord's presence in a difficult time
- For healing for Aaron & Ethan Olsen's grandfather, **Bob**, who was admitted to the hospital

For God's Helping Hand:

- For **Alan Brandle & family** who have been without electricity after a tree downed the wires. Repairs has been made, but he is awaiting the Township Inspector to sign off

God's comfort:

- For **Alyson Keegan & her family** caring for her father
- For the people of **Ukraine**

God's Traveling Mercies:

- For the **Vitale Family** who are embarking on a journey to India

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For God Leading **Inna Nikolyukin** to Providence Presbyterian Church to serve as our new Pastor.

For prayers of congratulations for the PNC. Well done good and faithful servants.





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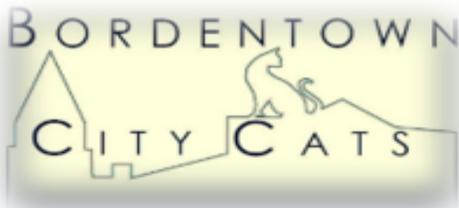
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Newborns IN NEED



The PW will be conducting their annual Newborns In Need campaign beginning this Sunday, September 4th. The drive will run during September and October. Donations may be dropped off in the rear of the sanctuary. Contact Carl Shore for additional information.



I'd like to tell you about a non-profit community I work with called Bordentown City Cats.

It's a volunteer network of people committed to rescuing and socializing stray and abandoned cats.

If anyone knows someone who would love to adopt or foster a cat, let me know or you can visit their website at:

www.bordentowncitycats.org.

If adoption or fostering is not an option and you would still like to help, there is a donation button on their website, **OR** if you have the available time and interest, there other ways you can help. They have committees addressing the following programs and **NEED** Volunteers :

Trap / Neuter / Release - Transportation - Feral Feeding - Friendly Cat Care
Fundraising - Event Planning

If you have any questions, please contact me at yorkie0401@gmail.com. If I do not have the answers readily available, I can point you in the right direction!

I will be posting updates on outreach events as they arise!



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