

Worship Bulletin - Bethel Congregational Church UCC

November 1, 2026 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

LOVE LIVES ON

A Service of Remembrance

Honoring Día de los Muertos,
All Saints' Day & All Souls' Day

Sunday, November 1, 2026 • 10:00 AM

Bethel Congregational Church, UCC

536 N Euclid Ave • Ontario, CA 91762

Bring a photo or small memento of a loved one.

All are welcome.



Centering Words

(Psalm 34, 1 John 3)

Blessed be the Lord, and all of God's beloved people. Blessed by love, we are blessed indeed.

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

*Quienquiera que seas y dondequiera que estés en el camino de la vida,
eres bienvenido aquí.*

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Prelude

Music for Gathering

Responsive Call to Worship

ONE: We are all children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.

MANY: We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

ONE: As we gather to remember the saints who formed us in the faith, we give thanks for their living witnesses to God's love, showing us that:

MANY: We belong to God, and through God, we live as family in Christ, bound together by Love.

ONE: We give thanks for the influence of the saints in our lives who demonstrated God's love and saving grace, so that we could know in our bones that:

MANY: We belong to God, and through God, we are saved to love one another.

ONE: Come, let us worship God who blesses us with witnesses to divine love that we may be witnesses of Love with everyone we meet.

MANY: We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as witnesses of Love in communion with the saints of every age.

Amen.

Unison Opening Prayer

Loving Creator, all that we have comes from you.

We gather in your presence, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, people from every tribe and nation, every kindred and tongue, to lift our voices in praise, to be transformed into your saints, to be sent out to gather others to share the eternal banquet.

Receive the praise we offer, work in us and through us.

You alone are holy, you alone are the Most High, you alone are worthy of our praise.

Glory to you, O God, and to the Lamb, our Shepherd, and to the Spirit that unites us all, today and ever more.

Amen..

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;
you, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old.
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again, and faith grows strong.

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Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

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This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Welcome, Passing the Peace – Announcements

- **Sundays** – Worship! (Bethel 10am Sanctuary/Parlor; FCCO 11:30am)
- **Sundays 9:15am** – **Pop-Up Choir practice!**
- **Thursdays 10am** - Qi-Gong/Tai Chi
- **Sign up to join Bethel's Relay Team!**
- <https://secure.acsevents.org/goto/BethelOntario>

Special Music

Flying Free

Pop-Up Choir

Children's Time

Kids' Video

* Gloria

Glory to the Creator,
The Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen, Amen.

C G/D C G/B G C G/B Am/C

Glo-ry to the Cre-a-tor, the Christ the Ho-ly Spi-rit

5 G/D D⁷ G C G⁷ G⁷

three in one; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

10 C G G/F C/E C/G G⁷ C

shall be, world with-out end. A-men. A-men.

Matthew 23:1-12

Pastor Sylvia

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach.

They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of other, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them.
They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long.

They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi.

But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven.

Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant.
All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon

"Love Lives On"

Dr. Sylvia Lee Mann

Prayer of Yearning (*Unison*) (1 John 3, Matthew 5, All Saints Day)

Sainthood is hard!

Yet, you call us to live into your blessings
by loving and caring for all of your creation.

Give us strength to answer our call.

Give us wisdom to live your teachings.

Give us courage to withstand the trials
and tribulations of life.

Give us humility to embrace sainthood,
even when our sins and shortcomings haunt our days
and cause us to judge ourselves and others.

Love us into sainthood,
that others may find us to be
generous and compassionate friends. Amen

Words Assurance and Grace (Pastor) (1 John 3, Matthew 5, All Saints Day)

God saves us again and again and again,
calling us to blessings and saintly living.

This hope and this grace are enough to purify us,
even as Christ is pure.

Prayers of the People (Joys and Concerns to share)

Silent Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

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 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 forever and ever.
Amen

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE: *There are two tables in the front of the sanctuary. One is a traditional Ofrenda, and the other is a traditional "All Saints/All Souls" remembrance table. During this time the pastor may read some names of people who have died since last November and people may come forward to the tables (they may go to either table, or both) to read names of people who have died, light a candle, and place small items of remembrance on the tables. Following each name, a bell may be rung.*

PASTOR:

Living God, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.

We set aside this moment to remember
those saints who are dear and precious to us

We remember those who have died, especially those who have died
in the past year.

We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

And we remember all those who have gone before us.

We remember:

NAME (bell)

NAME (bell)...

(After all the names are read:)

Loving God, We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints,
and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in
your presence.

We also remember and give thanks for those saints whom we
hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time,
yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your
disciples.

Bless the memories of your saints, God.

May we learn how to walk wisely from their examples of faith,
dedication, worship, and love. and may we be able to shine your
light, so that future generations may look back on our example and
feel the same trust and conviction that we do In Christ's name we
pray. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Blessing and Consecration

Words of Remembrance

Sharing of the Elements - All are invited to partake at God's table

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table.
Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. May this bread and
drink nourish us as they are the symbol of Christ's essence in all of us.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Offering

Invitation to Generosity

*Please remember to send your offerings in so that we can continue our ministries.
(If you want a portion of your offering to be designated as something specific, just
write that in the message area.) If you forget to write a note with the offering – just
email us (info@BethelUCCOntario.org) or message us through Facebook.*

Giving Options: In person –We are not yet “passing the plate”. You may leave your offering
in one of the offering plates (front of the sanctuary, or usher's table in the rear).

Give online at www.betheluccontario.org,



To use a credit or debit card, use the yellow “Donate” button (processed by
PayPal – no PP account required), or green Tithe.ly button (Processed by



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Scan. Pay. Go.

Blessing of the Gifts (Unison) (1 John 3, Matthew 5)

Holy One, thank you for blessing us in so many ways.

Please bless our offerings:

to bring your presence more fully into the world,

to spread your love to far and wide,

to bring hope and peace where despair runs deep.

In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen..

Singing into Mission *What Does the Lord Require of You?* Jim & Jean Strathdee

We will sing each part 2 times to learn them.

Then we will start at the beginning, adding each voice in.

After all 3 parts have joined, we will sing the song 3 times with all parts.

LEARNING:

Part 1 (Low Voices):

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Part 2 (Middle Voices):

Justice, Kindness, Walk humbly – with your God.

Part 3: (High Voices):

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

SINGING ALL:

Part 1

Part 1, add Part 2

Part 1 and 2, add Part 3

Sing all 3 parts 3 more times (or as many times as we want...)

16. What Does the Lord Require?

Micah 6:8

♩ = 100

music by
JIM STRATHDEE

BASS B♭ F Gm Dm E♭ B♭ Cm F B♭

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

ALTO/TENOR B♭ F/A bass Gm Dm/F E♭ B♭/D Cm F B♭

Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with — your God.

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you?

SOPRANO B♭ F/A Gm Dm/F E♭ B♭/D Cm7 F B♭ ¹ repeat ad. lib. Last time B♭

To seek jus-tice and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God. God.

Jus - tice, kind - ness, walk hum-bly with — your God. God.

What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you? you?

Responsive Benediction (1 John 3)

ONE: Blessed are you, beloved children of God.

MANY: We will walk in the love given to us.

ONE: Be a blessing to all God's children.

MANY: We will serve others with the grace we have received.

ONE: Walk in the footsteps of the saints of old.

**MANY: We will step gently upon the earth
and leave puddles of light for others to follow.**

Postlude

Carillon



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God sends us to serve, but God does not send us alone.

The Spirit is with us in the world, guiding our steps and protecting our paths.

*Christ yearns for us to be one in ministry and service,
and one in community and faith—a unity that we discover
through the Spirit's miraculous power in our lives.*

*Sent to serve, we are sent not only with the power of the Spirit,
but also with the power of unity with one another.*

*Embracing this unity with both the Holy Spirit and one another
opens a path to the "complete joy" that Christ prays we may one day know.*

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