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The People of God Gather for Worship

November 25, 2018 – Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Totenfest

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

H. Baker
Arr. by A. Whitworth

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS †

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

PSALM OF THE DAY

From Revelation 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals.”

“He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.”

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

* HYMN NO. 618

How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

FOUNDATION

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Pew Bible, page 568

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will

destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

CALL TO CONFESSION *Take, O Take Me As I Am* (sung twice) Text and Music by John Bell
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, **in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith.**
We pray that we too may be worthy witnesses for you, even as we confess our failures in the attempt, admitting these now before you in the silence of our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 638 *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* (verse 1) PROMISE
**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Rick Founds
**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.
Lord, I lift your name on high!**

SERMON SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory *In Pastures Green* John M. Rasley
* Response *Give Thanks* Henry Smith
**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**
* Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Words & Music by Jay Althouse
(Words St. 1 based on C. Wesley)

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE (see insert)

HYMN NO. 648 *Some There Are Who by Their Living* (vs. 1 and 3) BEACH SPRING
(Alt. Tune)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 649 *Give Thanks for Life* (vs. 1, 2 and 4) SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* R. Pritchard/Arr. by G. Young

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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CELEBRATION OF TOTENFEST

Throughout Christian history, the church has remembered and celebrated the lives of faithful people who have died. Totenfest (German for Festival for the Dead) is a distinctive practice that grows out of the Evangelical tradition of the United Church of Christ. Totenfest is a special time of remembrance and underscores the importance of remaining connected to our deceased loved ones.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their deeds do follow them
(Revelation 14:13).

GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHEL CHURCH IN MEMORIAL

White and green paraments in memory of Jack Creech
LED Sign in memory of Leon & Lois Feldkamp, Lloyd & Bonnie Hughes, and
Linda Young

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in the need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us, and in your kingdom, Lord –

- Adapted from *A Jewish Prayer*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Mary Ann Boettner
Marie Herter
Gilbert Luckhardt
Evelyn Nelson
Tom St. Charles



Our Extended Bethel Family. . .

Richard Alexander
Dean Artz
Florence Bay
Don Beech
Bill Bondy
Dave Boyd
Tanner Bryan
David Carlton
Willard Cleland
Tammy Clements
Herman Coval
Mark Cozart
Mary DiGiuseppe
Hugo Dittman
Donna England-Hankamp
Amy Faulkner
Kenneth Feldkamp
Kevin Foley
Lucy Garavaglia
Chris Gingell
Norah Hambrich
Wayne Hessmer
Bill Hill
Alan Holbrook
Lake Jacobson
Shirley Kelton
Colin Kendra
Felicia Kuebler
Gertrude Little

Traci Lynch
Kei Maeda
Leah Marrison Webster
Sen. John McCain
Mike Mize
Robert Moss
John Pietrowski
Tom Pyle
Steven Ray
John Reed
Alfred Rentschler
Alta Rentschler
Cody Richards
Janet Richardson
Donna Ross
Jacob Ross
Tim Sanders
Leslie Sloat
John Spooner
Holly Stautz
Brian Stewart
Susie Stewart
Mildred Stoll
Larry Tucker
Baby Villeneuve
Doris Wages
Carol Watkins
Brandon Wilkie
Margery Wright

PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
November 4	Wanda Beard.....	Sandy DeRossett
	Charlotte Becker.....	Sandy DeRossett
	Gail Mazzaro.....	Amy Riley
	John Porter.....	Holly Porter
	Mickey Spiess.....	Nancy Loudin
	Families of victims from Families of the victims in the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting...	Rev. Bucholtz
November 11	Glenda Capps.....	Emily St. Charles
	Diane Jordan.....	Emily St. Charles
	Norma Keller.....	Jean Holder
	Family of Steven Ray.....	Kristi Campbell
	Families of the victims in the Thousand Oaks shooting.....	Rev. Bucholtz
November 18	Yonnie Maziarz.....	Emily St. Charles
	Mack and Sharon McMurray.....	Emily St. Charles
November 25	Debbie Farbrother.....	Nancy Loudin
	Cody Simpson.....	Denise Davis
	Lisa Wolff.....	Jennifer Heimerdinger and Linda Wolff

Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy.....	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals.....	Jody Munson

EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship - Totenfest/Dedication of Memorials
10:30 a.m. Advent Workshop with lunch
11:30 a.m. Confirmation class
11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Nov. 26 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
Tues., Nov. 27 **9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting
 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bethel Quilters
 5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor
Sun., Dec. 2 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Youth Ministry
 10:30 a.m. German Cookie Sales
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation class
Mon., Dec. 3 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
Tues., Dec. 4 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters
 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Thurs., Nov. 29 **10:30 a.m.** Ecumenical Bible Study at Emanuel UCC
Sun., Dec. 2 **3:00 & 7:00 p.m.** Chelsea Hometown Holiday Concert - The
CFUMC Choir, Chelsea High School Choirs,
Chelsea High School Symphony Orchestra, and the
Chelsea Chamber Players.
Wed., Dec. 5 **10:45 a.m.** Senior Citizen luncheon and Holiday show at
Riverside Intermediate School
Thurs., Dec. 6 **10:30 a.m.** Ecumenical Bible Study at Emanuel UCC
 5:00-6:30 p.m. Swiss Steak Dinner & Bake Sale at St. Andrew's
UCC, Dexter

Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Advent Workshop will take place today, immediately following worship. This activity will take the place of Sunday School and assembly.

We will have seven make-and-take crafts set up in the Reineck Fellowship Hall and an opportunity to decorate a card for Bethel's senior members.

Lunch will also be served.



FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS and CHRISTMAS CAROLING



December 9th

9:30 a.m. The Festival of Lessons and Carols

3:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 16th

5:00 p.m.

Live from Bethel....it's Christmas Night Live!!

Please join us for a cookie reception following the program in the Reineck Fellowship Hall

Bethel Church German Cookie Order Form

10425 Bethel Church Road, Manchester
(734) 429-8530

Customer Name: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

_____dozen Lebkuchen, \$10.00 per dozen

_____dozen Cinnamon Stars, \$8.00 per dozen

_____dozen Almond Bars, \$7.00 per dozen

_____dozen Nut Shortbread, \$7.00 per dozen

_____dozen Cream Cheese Spritz, \$7.00 per dozen

_____dozen, Zucker (Sugar), \$7.00 per dozen

_____dozen Gingerbread, \$6.00 per dozen

_____dozen Christmas Oatmeal, \$6.00 per dozen

Total \$ of order _____ (Make checks payable to Bethel Church Mission)

Date for pickup of cookies: _____
(Specify November 25th or December 2nd)