

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.
As the prelude begins, please take your seat and center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one. Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Prelude *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* arr. James Pfohl

Words of Welcome Rev. Julie Belman

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship Rev. Ellen Fowler Skidmore

Leader: This is the day to gather, to give thanks and pray, to open our hearts and sing peace.

People: How good it is to gather to see the sacred shine in eyes across the city and around the globe.

Leader: This is the day to gather, a diverse tapestry woven through Love's sacred threads, strengthened in difference, not tattered in fear.

People: How good it is to gather, to put the leaf in the table and throw the doors open wide.

Leader: This is the day to gather, as one family and celebrate life as friends, to say 'no' to oppression that starves the last and binds the least, to say 'yes' to hope and live into peace.

People: How good it is to gather to be the change our world needs, to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly side-by-side.

***Opening Hymn** UMH #131 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

Opening Prayer Rev. Charles Smith

For the laughter of children,
For my own life breath,
For the abundance of food on this table,
For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,
For the roof over our heads,
The clothes on our backs,
For our health,
And our wealth of blessings,
For this opportunity to celebrate with family and friends,
For the freedom to pray these words
Without fear,
In any language
In any faith,
In this great country,
Whose landscape is as vast and beautiful as her inhabitants.
Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen

Bethel Minister and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Community Thanksgiving Participants

Beth Shalom Synagogue - Rabbi Jonathan Case

Bethel United Methodist Church - Rev. Julie Belman

Forest Lake Presbyterian Church - Rev. Ellen Fowler Skidmore

Kathwood Baptist Church - Rev. Beth McConnell

Rehoboth United Methodist Church - Rev. Laurie G. Brandes

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church - Rev. Charles Smith

Tree of Life Congregation - Rabbi Erik Uriarte

Thanksgiving Offering

All non-perishable food items will be donated to the Food Pantry at Rehoboth United Methodist Church. You are also welcome to leave a check made payable to Rehoboth United Methodist Church.

Bethel Preschool's Pancakes With Santa

Come enjoy pancakes and get your picture taken with Santa on Thursday, November 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 per family which includes a pancake dinner for the whole family and the rights to all pictures taken with Santa. If you'd like to have pancakes and no pictures with Santa, the cost is \$10/person. Please RSVP to Preschool Director Carol Burger at 803-787-3089.

Serving the Congregation Today

Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Arranged by Joyce Eilers Bacak

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.

God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the World is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord quickly come,
Bring thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin.

There, forever purified,
In thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home. Amen.

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers at any time.

A CREED FOR UNITY

Rev. Charles Smith

**We pledge to walk together
In the ways of truth and affection,
As best we know them now
Or may learn them in days to come,
That we and our children may be fulfilled
And that we may speak to the world in words and actions
Of peace and goodwill.**

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 100

Rev. Beth McConnell

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

arr. Joyce Eilers

Follow text in bulletin

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Rabbi Jonathan Case

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world. Then nations ill not threaten nation, and the human family will not again know war.

For all who live on earth shall realized we have not come into being to hate or destroy. We have come into being to praise, to labor, and to love. Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations with the power of compassion. Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture: I will bring peace to the land, and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you. I will rid the land of vicious beasts and it shall not be ravaged by war. Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream. Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea. And let us say, Amen.

SHEHECHEYANU

Rabbi Jonathan Case

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם, שהחיינו וקיימנו והגייענו לזמן הזה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haOlam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Rabbi Erik Uriarte

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Rev. Laurie Brandes

All proceeds support the Food Pantry at Rehoboth UMC.

OFFERTORY

Let There Be Peace on Earth

arr. Hawley Ades

Ae Byrn and Marian Scullion

CLOSING HYMN

TFWS #2008 *Let All Things Now Living*

THE ASH GROVE

BENEDICTION

Rev. Julie Belman

POSTLUDE

He Is Jehovah

Betty Robinson

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is 3:00 pm on the preceding Tuesday.
The deadline for the *Messenger* is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of month.
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Sunday, November 19

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)

04:00 Community Thanksgiving Service (S) with Refreshments afterward (PAB)

Monday, November 20

07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review (PAB)

Tuesday, November 21

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

10:00 Rise and Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

Wednesday, November 22 -

Friday, November 24
Preschool closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 23

Church Office closed for Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 25

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Save the Date!

Pancakes with Santa
Thursday, November 30th
5:00-7:00 p.m.

CR - Conference Room
EB - Education Building
NJ - New Journeys Room
PAB - Pool Activities Building

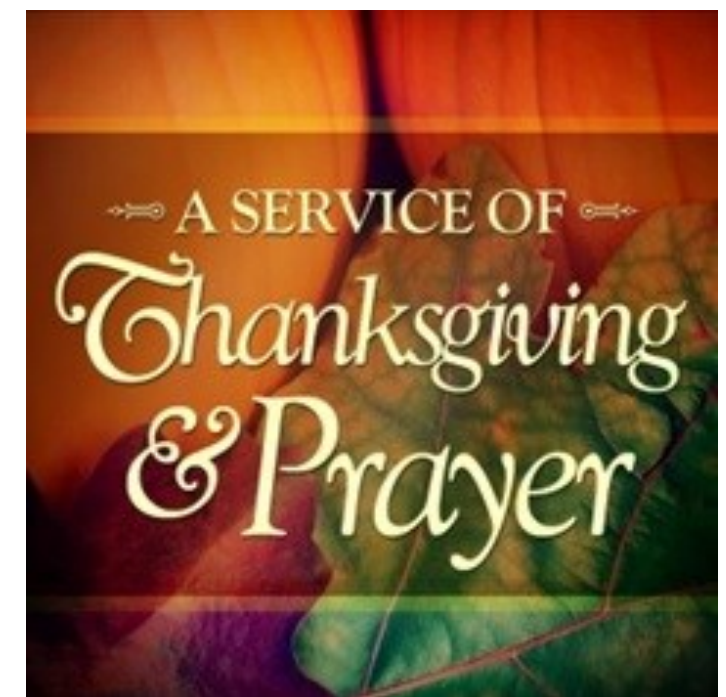
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, November 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m.
Forest Acres Community Thanksgiving Service

Welcome!

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.
If you do not have a family of faith, we invite you to become part of the Bethel Church family.*