



Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,  
**we come to be your people, O God.**  
Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and  
**we come to be your people, O God.**  
May we truly become your people today. Amen.  
*From Seasons of the Spirit: All Saints Day—Year A, published by WoodLake Publishing.*

### **\* Praising through Song**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH #454 Charles Wesley, 1735 Public Domain

- 1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing**  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and king,  
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,**  
That bids our sorrows cease—  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
- 3. He speaks, and, list'ning to His voice,**  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.
- 4. Glory to God, and praise and love**  
Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The church in earth and heav'n.

### **\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

Good and great God, we come to you through Jesus Christ who intercedes for us. We confess our sins, ways we separate ourselves from you and your creation. We seek forgiveness not only that we may be at peace with you, but also that we may pray for others. We are ashamed that our prayers are often as self-centered as our lives. Excuse our disordered priorities as we seek to change and reorder our lives according to the teaching and spirit of Jesus Christ you Son, our Lord. Amen.

One: Friends, believe the good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*B. David Hostetter, Prayers for the Seasons on God's People: Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B (Abingdon, 1999), 203-204.*

### **\*Passing the Peace of the Risen Christ**

Leader: May the peace of the risen Christ be with you.      **All:**      **And also with you**

### **We Hear God's Word**

*We hear messages—ancient and new—that express and affirm the Divine at work  
and encourages us in our creative collaboration with the Divine.*

## Preparing to Listen

*Blessed Be Your Name (insert)*

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

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**1. Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name**

**2. Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name**

**[Pre-Chorus] Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say**

**[Chorus] Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be your glorious name.**

## Bringing Words to Life

**Hebrew Bible**

**Ruth 1:1-18**

**NRSV**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house.

May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—

there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

NRSV

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

One: May God empower the Word in our hearing

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Reflection Song** *Love the Lord Your God* #2168 By Jean and Jim Strathdee© 1991 Desert Flower Music

**Love the Lord your God, with all your heart.  
Love the Lord your God, with all your soul.  
Love the Lord your God, with all your mind.  
Love the Lord your God, with all that you are.**

**Reflecting on God’s Word**

*The Way of Love*

Pastor Catiana

## We Respond in Faith

**Invitation for Prayer** *We recognize with open hearts the pain that coexists with goodness and gratitude. We listen to the groans of the world and the Spirit helps us to grieve and to intercede on behalf of all those who suffer, letting go of our fear that can make things worse at times.*

As the music begins, you are invited to share your prayer request  
by leaving your prayer on the prayer card  
in your pew or through an email, call, or text to Pastor Catiana.  
Prayers will be added to our prayer requests unless you indicate otherwise.  
Let us begin our prayers through the unity of our voices in song.

**Prayer Song**

*Stepping In* Words/Music by Christopher Grundy; Piano Arr: Cathy Chamblee

Chorus: **There is a prayer like a wide river.**

**It never ends, does not begin,**

**Around the world, it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.**

**We are praying with those in different places, different languages and faces,  
Every hour of the day.**

**We are praying with enemies and strangers in gratitude and danger, calling God ten thousand names!**

Chorus: **There is a prayer like a wide river.**

**It never ends, does not begin,**

**Around the world, it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.**

**Prayers of the People** (*inspired by Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Mark 12:28-34*)

Prayer is at the very heart of the ecumenical movement. Jesus prayed that we – his followers – may all be one.  
When we pray with and for one another, we can feel God’s gift of unity.

Prayer sustains us on our way towards a unity that all can see, “so that the world may believe”. (John 17:21)  
World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle: Canada and The United States

God of love, you created us in your image and have redeemed us in Christ.  
Empower us to love our neighbour and to welcome the stranger.

After each prayer segment, I will say: “The Lord our God is one:”  
Your response is: **We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.**

*(local intercessions)*...God of healing grace, we lift to your care members of our communities.  
For all the sick *(especially those on our prayer lists in our congregations, and those we say out loud or in our hearts at this time)*. . . . .*Here, other intercessions may be offered.*  
We join our hearts in prayer for the world, and for ourselves. AMEN

The Lord our God is one:

**We will love with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength.**

*Prayers written by Rev. Iain Macdonald. Posted on the Church of Scotland’s Starters for Sunday website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/> <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/10/prayers-of-people-we-will-love.html>*

**Prayer of Jesus:** *Our God has many names. You are invited to address God in your native language or in the form closest to your heart as we join in the prayer of Jesus:*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. Amen.** FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

**Sung: Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.  
It never ends, does not begin,  
Around the world, it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in.**

**We are praying with those who’ve gone before us,  
that great ancestral chorus we are joining as we sing.  
And we are praying with heroines and heroes, Moses, Romero, yes, and Martin Luther King!**

**Chorus: There is a prayer like a wide river.  
It never ends, does not begin,  
Around the world, it’s always flowing, and I am stepping in We are stepping in. We are stepping in.**

### **Offering our Gifts**

*There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.*

**Video: UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE**

**“Change for the Better” from your Mission Team  
UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE  
Give to UMCOR – Where Most Needed**

**Compelled by Christ...**As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need.

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(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

**\*Singing our Thanksgiving**     *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*     UMH #94 Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. By Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978/Music: Geistlich Kirchengesungen, 1823;harm. By Vaughn Williams

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

One: To a world full of pain and broken relationships, we offer these gifts and the openness of our hearts, to be a compassionate community for all. Amen.

**We Go Forth in God's Spirit**

**Song**     *If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*     *Permission granted*  
Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette© 2017/Music: O Waly Waly LM (Though I May Speak) Trad. English Melody

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers  
And don't live out a faith that dares,  
And don't take on the ways of death,  
Our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

**If we just dream of what could be  
And do not build community,  
And do not seek to change our ways,  
Our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good  
and don't walk through our neighborhood  
To learn it's hope, to ease it's pain,  
Our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God, may our prayers and dreams and songs  
Lead to a faith that takes on wrongs  
That works for peace and justice, too,  
Then will our prayers bring joy to you.**

**\*Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Postlude**

Cody Clayton, pianist

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*     *by Peter Scholtes*  
Words: 1966 F.E.L. Publications. Assigned 1991 Lorenz Publishing Company (Admin. by Lorenz Corp.),

*The Lord of the Dance*     *UMH#262*  
Words: Sydney Carter/, 1963 Music: 19<sup>th</sup> cent. Shaker Tune ©1963, 1969 Galliard, LTD.

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DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
November 7 All Saints	Elisa Skeeter	Jerry & Bonnie Smith	
November 14	Maya & Ruby Dickerson	Dickerson Family	
November 21	Jay Dickerson	Suzanne Sproule	
November 28	Emma Blaum	The Blaum Family	

**MANY THANKS to the Country Fair volunteers from our church!** Your willingness to donate your time to earn funds for the church are much appreciated. Your time also assists many charities in the county. Our numbers were down this year so I challenge church members who weren't able to volunteer to look at your calendars for October 8 & 9 , 2022 ! More volunteers would be wonderful! It's a great event!

Thanks again!

Pat Willy, church volunteer coordinator for the Country Fair

**SUNSHINE BOX:** Items are replenished as needed by the youth and their families.

**Here are some ideas you may collect for the Sunshine Box:** *mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, ziplock bags, glass cleaner.*

## UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS

Galena UMC will be accepting donations for our UMCOR Flood Bucket supplies through November 19th. Later in the month, we will deliver all donated supplies to a collection point within the Prairie North District where Midwest Mission Distribution Center is scheduled to pick up. Thank you to all who are helping support this mission project on UMCOR disaster relief.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Isabelle Anderson
- 8 Talyn Culbertson
- 9 Judy Behnke
- 9 Anthony Turner
- 11 Sherry Marc
- 12 Hillary Dickerson
- 12 Dan Holcomb





## PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for the people of Afghanistan; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Please hold our people in prayer as COVID continues to shift in variance and strength. May we realize that vaccinations are critical for the health and well being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others. Prayers of thanks for the vaccine and for those who continue to encourage others to be vaccinated.

**Ben Allen-Stewart** is in Rockford Hospital for tests. Hold Ben and Patricia in prayer;

**Janette Bader** had surgery on her hip after a fall. She is now at Midwest Medical Center. Please hold Janette in prayer as she recovers. Janette's address is 6481 N. Bowden Dr., Scales Mound, IL 61075

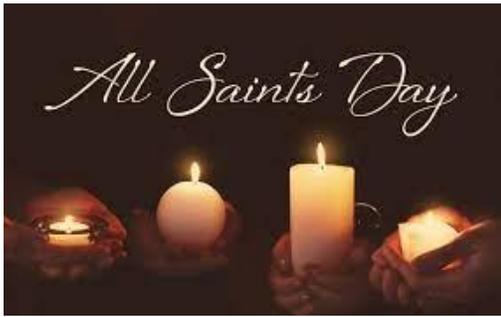
**Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia.** She has had an improvement in her cell numbers and goes back to Madison next week. Cards- 1399 S. Irish Hollow Road, Galena. Please keep Ginny and her family in your prayers; **Jo Lieb** is undergoing tests for her gall bladder and ulcers- cards- 2586 N. Windy Lane, Galena; Prayers for **Julie Eggleston's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth; Lonna's daughter-in-law, Cathy McDermott,** is undergoing Chemo treatment. Hold her & the family in prayer; **Ingrid's brother, John,** died last week as a result if a car accident near St. Cloud. **His wife, Cora** is in stable condition. Prayers for **the Muehleip family;** Prayers for **Ingrid's health concerns** and for **Darcy's friends, Atron Regan**-prayers for remission and for **Debbie Furlong's family. Debbie passed away recently.**

**Continue prayers for Mary Turner and the Turner family for the passing of Wayne, whose service was held Monday, Oct. 11.** Online condolences may be left for the family at [furlongfuneralchapel.com](http://furlongfuneralchapel.com) and address: 6032 N. Council Hill Rd., Galena.; **Beverly DeBord's brother, Donald Renner,** died the end of Sept.. Bev's address is 112 N. West St., Galena. Please remember the **DeBord -Renner family** at this time; **Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs,** passed away last month. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for **Pam's sister, Melanie; Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. Prayers Appreciated.**

Continue prayers for **Carolyn and Tom Grey.** Carolyn, who has been in rehab fell and broke her hip-Address: Carolyn Grey 230W. 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203; prayers for **Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner;** prayers for **Judy Biegon's cousin's & families-** Cousin's Karen and Mary both passed away recently. **Judy's niece, Wendy** in prayer for depression, **Judy's cousin, Dean & Dave's sister, Judy Lopez,** with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the **Biegon's friend, Nancy H.**

Hold **Charlene Price in prayer for healing** (compression-fracture) following a fall; **Marlene Niec** is recovering from a fall; continue prayers for **Meg Gibbs,** recovering well from foot surgery; prayers for **Elisa Skeeter, her family and neighbors; hold Lonna and her daughter, Joni** in prayer for health concerns; **Betty Kabara's** health; **Daniel Saben,** continued prayers as he awaits surgery; **Cheryl and Jim White;** Please hold **Sarah and Carter** in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for **Sarah's brother, Bill,** who has cancer. Prayers for the **Brotheridge family** as Michelle has passed away; **Larry Cook and his family; Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson; Lisa and Terry Prindle.**

Prayers for **Zambia's hunger-missionary, Betty Tsala and sons, Lanie and Shaun.** Continued prayers for all detained/separated children, Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence; Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.



ALL SAINT'S DAY will be observed on Sunday, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>. All Saints Day is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. If you have the picture of a friend or a loved one you would like included in our prayers and observance, please email or arrange to get them to Pastor Catiana by November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 630-935-3312 Thank you!

**Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church  
OR livestream the service on our website**

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.



**Galena United Methodist Church**  
**Core Values: Do no harm. Do Good. Love God.**

**Our Vision: We open hearts. We open minds. We open doors. We make disciples.**

**Our Mission: We will honor our long history by nurturing and expanding a community of disciples who love God and neighbor, fulfilling the gospel of peace, justice, mercy, and servant ministry.**

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*"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."*



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