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QUOTATIONS OF THE WEEK

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that you could stake your life on it a thousand times.—Martin Luther

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.—Anne Lamott



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Susan Strouse

“Grace” is one of those church-y words that we hear and use all the time.

“There but for the grace of God . . .”

“Grace to you and peace . . .”

“Who wants to say grace before dinner?”

But what does grace really mean? Some of the dictionary definitions tell us that it means: favor; blessing, a disposition to be generous or helpful, goodwill, mercy, clemency, favor rendered by one who need not do so, indulgence. Whoa, indulgence! Wasn't that what Martin Luther was so upset about way back in 1517? But no, that was about indulgences—plural. In fact, for Luther, grace, God's grace, God's indulgence towards us became a central emphasis in Lutheran theology: justification by grace through faith. But what does that mean in real life? That's the question for this Reformation Sunday. When have you experienced the grace of God?

Blessings,

Pastor Susan

This Week on PS (Pastor Susan's Blog)—

And the Sign Said the Words of the Prophets Are Written on Subway Walls . . .

<https://progressivechurch.wordpress.com>

First United is a "Reconciling in Christ" (RIC) congregation that has declared that all persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities are equally welcome to join fully in the worship and life of this Christ-centered community.

First United Lutheran Church is committed to full accessibility.
Please let us know if we can be of assistance in accommodating your accessibility needs.

Prayers for Reformation Sunday

Listen to your life.

See it for the fathomless mystery that it is.

In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness:

touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it

because in the last analysis all moments are key moments,

and life itself is grace. Amen

—Frederick Buechner

- ✦ for the Peace of God to be made manifest in our world:
 - ☞ for the leaders of the nations: that concern for the welfare of all people might be their ultimate concern
 - ☞ for all organizations who work for peace, justice, and care for those in need, and for our support of them
 - ☞ for our ongoing environmental awareness and our commitment to action in healing the planet

- ✦ for the Wisdom of Christ to be made manifest in our communities:
 - ☞ for a bountiful harvest and sharing from community gardens
 - ☞ for *SF Care, SF Night Ministry, SAGE, Welcome*, and all who serve the needs of our city
 - ☞ for the candidates for mayor, that they might wisely consider the needs of our city

- ✦ for the Power of the Spirit to be made manifest in our congregation and beyond:
 - ☞ for Roger Creet, at Atherton Health Care in Menlo Park
 - ☞ for Alan Pearson, at Alma Via
 - ☞ for Barbara, Marilyn, Daryl, Bishop Mark Holmerud, and all in need of healing
 - ☞ for the continuing Re-formation of the Church

🕯 *If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer list, please contact Orion or Pastor Susan.* 🕯

PRAYERS IN ACTION

We are collecting cards, notes, pictures, etc. for our homebound members. There will be an envelope for each at every service. You can put your items into the envelopes, which will be sent or delivered at the end of each month. This is an ongoing project of love and support for those who are unable to physically be part of our community, but are members of it nevertheless.



Funeral Service for Diane DeLange

A funeral service for Diane DeLange (spouse of Pr. Jim DeLange, retired) will be held on Saturday, October 29 at 3 p.m. at St. Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St., San Francisco. A reception will follow the service.

OUR COMMUNITY

Updates—Life at First United

“THE GEESE ARE GETTING FAT . . .” (BUT THEY’RE NOT QUITE PLUMPED UP YET)

Yes—look at the calendar. Christmas is coming—and there’s no turning back. In order for you to plan ahead, the worship team announces First United’s Christmas schedule, which is especially tricky this year since Christmas Day falls on Sunday:

Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship Service, 7:00 pm at Ebenezer Lutheran/Herchurch

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day; no First United community worship service. A family/home worship service that you may choose to observe with your family and friends will be provided online on the FULC website, www.fulc.com.



Text of the 95 Theses

Disputation of Doctor Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences by Dr. Martin Luther, 1517 Out of love for the truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following propositions will be discussed at Wittenberg, under the presidency of the Reverend Father Martin Luther, Master of Arts and of Sacred Theology, and Lecturer in Ordinary on the same at that place. Wherefore he requests that those who are unable to be present and debate orally with us, may do so by letter.

In the Name our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said *Poenitentiam agite*, willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood to mean sacramental penance, i.e., confession and satisfaction, which is administered by the priests.
3. Yet it means not inward repentance only; nay, there is no inward repentance which does not outwardly work divers mortifications of the flesh.
4. The penalty [of sin], therefore, continues so long as hatred of self continues; for this is the true inward repentance, and continues until our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.
5. The pope does not intend to remit, and cannot remit any penalties other than those which he has imposed either by his own authority or by that of the Canons.
6. The pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring that it has been remitted by God and by assenting to God’s remission; though, to be sure, he may grant remission in cases reserved to his judgment. If his right to grant remission in such cases were despised, the guilt would remain entirely unforgiven.
7. God remits guilt to no one whom He does not, at the same time, humble in all things and bring into subjection to His vicar, the priest.
8. The penitential canons are imposed only on the living, and, according to them, nothing should be imposed on the dying.
9. Therefore the Holy Spirit in the pope is kind to us, because in his decrees he always makes exception of the article of death and of necessity.
10. Ignorant and wicked are the doings of those priests who, in the case of the dying, reserve canonical penances for purgatory.
11. This changing of the canonical penalty to the penalty of purgatory is quite evidently one of the tares that were sown while the bishops slept.
12. In former times the canonical penalties were imposed not after, but before absolution, as tests of true contrition.
13. The dying are freed by death from all penalties; they are already dead to canonical rules, and have a right to be released from them.
14. The imperfect health [of soul], that is to say, the imperfect love, of the dying brings with it, of necessity, great fear; and the smaller the love, the greater is the fear.
15. This fear and horror is sufficient of itself alone (to say nothing of other things) to constitute the penalty of purgatory, since it is very near to the horror of despair.
16. Hell, purgatory, and heaven seem to differ as do despair, almost-despair, and the assurance of safety.
17. With souls in purgatory it seems necessary that horror should grow less and love increase.
18. It seems unproved, either by reason or Scripture, that they are outside the state of merit, that is to say, of increasing love.

19. Again, it seems unproved that they, or at least that all of them, are certain or assured of their own blessedness, though we may be quite certain of it.
20. Therefore by “full remission of all penalties” the pope means not actually “of all,” but only of those imposed by himself.
21. Therefore those preachers of indulgences are in error, who say that by the pope’s indulgences a man is freed from every penalty, and saved;
22. Whereas he remits to souls in purgatory no penalty which, according to the canons, they would have had to pay in this life.
23. If it is at all possible to grant to any one the remission of all penalties whatsoever, it is certain that this remission can be granted only to the most perfect, that is, to the very fewest.
24. It must needs be, therefore, that the greater part of the people are deceived by that indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalty.
25. The power which the pope has, in a general way, over purgatory, is just like the power which any bishop or curate has, in a special way, within his own diocese or parish.
26. The pope does well when he grants remission to souls [in purgatory], not by the power of the keys (which he does not possess), but by way of intercession.
27. They preach man who say that so soon as the penny jingles into the money-box, the soul flies out [of purgatory].
28. It is certain that when the penny jingles into the money-box, gain and avarice can be increased, but the result of the intercession of the Church is in the power of God alone.
29. Who knows whether all the souls in purgatory wish to be bought out of it, as in the legend of Sts. Severinus and Paschal.
30. No one is sure that his own contrition is sincere; much less that he has attained full remission.
31. Rare as is the man that is truly penitent, so rare is also the man who truly buys indulgences, i.e., such men are most rare.
32. They will be condemned eternally, together with their teachers, who believe themselves sure of their salvation because they have letters of pardon.
33. Men must be on their guard against those who say that the pope’s pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to Him;
34. For these “graces of pardon” concern only the penalties of sacramental satisfaction, and these are appointed by man.
35. They preach no Christian doctrine who teach that contrition is not necessary in those who intend to buy souls out of purgatory or to buy confessionalia.
36. Every truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon.
37. Every true Christian, whether living or dead, has part in all the blessings of Christ and the Church; and this is granted him by God, even without letters of pardon.
38. Nevertheless, the remission and participation [in the blessings of the Church] which are granted by the pope are in no way to be despised, for they are, as I have said, the declaration of divine remission.
39. It is most difficult, even for the very keenest theologians, at one and the same time to commend to the people the abundance of pardons and [the need of] true contrition.
40. True contrition seeks and loves penalties, but liberal pardons only relax penalties and cause them to be hated, or at least, furnish an occasion [for hating them].
41. Apostolic pardons are to be preached with caution, lest the people may falsely think them preferable to other good works of love.
42. Christians are to be taught that the pope does not intend the buying of pardons to be compared in any way to works of mercy.
43. Christians are to be taught that he who gives to the poor or lends to the needy does a better work than buying pardons;
44. Because love grows by works of love, and man becomes better; but by pardons man does not grow better, only more free from penalty.
45. Christians are to be taught that he who sees a man in need, and passes him by, and gives [his money] for pardons, purchases not the indulgences of the pope, but the indignation of God.
46. Christians are to be taught that unless they have more than they need, they are bound to keep back what is necessary for their own families, and by no means to squander it on pardons.
47. Christians are to be taught that the buying of pardons is a matter of free will, and not of commandment.
48. Christians are to be taught that the pope, in granting pardons, needs, and therefore desires, their devout prayer for him more than the money they bring.
49. Christians are to be taught that the pope’s pardons are useful, if they do not put their trust in them; but altogether harmful, if through them they lose their fear of God.
50. Christians are to be taught that if the pope knew the exactions of the pardon-preachers, he would rather that St. Peter’s church should go to ashes, than that it should be built up with the skin, flesh and bones of his sheep.
51. Christians are to be taught that it would be the pope’s wish, as it is his duty, to give of his own money to very many of those from whom certain hawkers of pardons cajole money, even though the church of St. Peter might have to be sold.
52. The assurance of salvation by letters of pardon is vain, even though the commissary, nay, even though the pope himself, were to stake his soul upon it.
53. They are enemies of Christ and of the pope, who bid the Word of God be altogether silent in some Churches, in order that pardons may be preached in others.
54. Injury is done the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or a longer time is spent on pardons than on this Word.

55. It must be the intention of the pope that if pardons, which are a very small thing, are celebrated with one bell, with single processions and ceremonies, then the Gospel, which is the very greatest thing, should be preached with a hundred bells, a hundred processions, a hundred ceremonies.
56. The “treasures of the Church,” out of which the pope grants indulgences, are not sufficiently named or known among the people of Christ.
57. That they are not temporal treasures is certainly evident, for many of the vendors do not pour out such treasures so easily, but only gather them.
58. Nor are they the merits of Christ and the Saints, for even without the pope, these always work grace for the inner man, and the cross, death, and hell for the outward man.
59. St. Lawrence said that the treasures of the Church were the Church’s poor, but he spoke according to the usage of the word in his own time.
60. Without rashness we say that the keys of the Church, given by Christ’s merit, are that treasure;
61. For it is clear that for the remission of penalties and of reserved cases, the power of the pope is of itself sufficient.
62. The true treasure of the Church is the Most Holy Gospel of the glory and the grace of God.
63. But this treasure is naturally most odious, for it makes the first to be last.
64. On the other hand, the treasure of indulgences is naturally most acceptable, for it makes the last to be first.
65. Therefore the treasures of the Gospel are nets with which they formerly were wont to fish for men of riches.
66. The treasures of the indulgences are nets with which they now fish for the riches of men.
67. The indulgences which the preachers cry as the “greatest graces” are known to be truly such, in so far as they promote gain.
68. Yet they are in truth the very smallest graces compared with the grace of God and the piety of the Cross.
69. Bishops and curates are bound to admit the commissaries of apostolic pardons, with all reverence.
70. But still more are they bound to strain all their eyes and attend with all their ears, lest these men preach their own dreams instead of the commission of the pope.
71. He who speaks against the truth of apostolic pardons, let him be anathema and accursed!
72. But he who guards against the lust and license of the pardon-preachers, let him be blessed!
73. The pope justly thunders against those who, by any art, contrive the injury of the traffic in pardons.
74. But much more does he intend to thunder against those who use the pretext of pardons to contrive the injury of holy love and truth.
75. To think the papal pardons so great that they could absolve a man even if he had committed an impossible sin and violated the Mother of God — this is madness.
76. We say, on the contrary, that the papal pardons are not able to remove the very least of venial sins, so far as its guilt is concerned.
77. It is said that even St. Peter, if he were now Pope, could not bestow greater graces; this is blasphemy against St. Peter and against the pope.
78. We say, on the contrary, that even the present pope, and any pope at all, has greater graces at his disposal; to wit, the Gospel, powers, gifts of healing, etc., as it is written in I. Corinthians xii.
79. To say that the cross, emblazoned with the papal arms, which is set up [by the preachers of indulgences], is of equal worth with the Cross of Christ, is blasphemy.
80. The bishops, curates and theologians who allow such talk to be spread among the people, will have an account to render.
81. This unbridled preaching of pardons makes it no easy matter, even for learned men, to rescue the reverence due to the pope from slander, or even from the shrewd questionings of the laity.
82. To wit: — “Why does not the pope empty purgatory, for the sake of holy love and of the dire need of the souls that are there, if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a Church? The former reasons would be most just; the latter is most trivial.”
83. Again: — “Why are mortuary and anniversary masses for the dead continued, and why does he not return or permit the withdrawal of the endowments founded on their behalf, since it is wrong to pray for the redeemed?”
84. Again: — “What is this new piety of God and the pope, that for money they allow a man who is impious and their enemy to buy out of purgatory the pious soul of a friend of God, and do not rather, because of that pious and beloved soul’s own need, free it for pure love’s sake?”
85. Again: — “Why are the penitential canons long since in actual fact and through disuse abrogated and dead, now satisfied by the granting of indulgences, as though they were still alive and in force?”
86. Again: — “Why does not the pope, whose wealth is to-day greater than the riches of the richest, build just this one church of St. Peter with his own money, rather than with the money of poor believers?”
87. Again: — “What is it that the pope remits, and what participation does he grant to those who, by perfect contrition, have a right to full remission and participation?”
88. Again: — “What greater blessing could come to the Church than if the pope were to do a hundred times a day what he now does once, and bestow on every believer these remissions and participations?”
89. “Since the pope, by his pardons, seeks the salvation of souls rather than money, why does he suspend the indulgences and pardons granted heretofore, since these have equal efficacy?”
90. To repress these arguments and scruples of the laity by force alone, and not to resolve them by giving reasons, is to expose the Church and the pope to the ridicule of their enemies, and to make Christians unhappy.

- 91. If, therefore, pardons were preached according to the spirit and mind of the pope, all these doubts would be readily resolved; nay, they would not exist.
- 92. Away, then, with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Peace, peace," and there is no peace!
- 93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Cross, cross," and there is no cross!
- 94. Christians are to be exhorted that they be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, deaths, and hell;
- 95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven rather through many tribulations, than through the assurance of peace.



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**Join the San Francisco Interfaith Council
at the
14th Annual Interfaith
Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast**

**"Repairing the World: Honoring the Work
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**Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Hotel Kabuki 1625 Post Street (at Laguna), San Francisco**

**Online Reservations: [sfinterfaithcouncil.org/
annualbreakfastregistration.html](http://sfinterfaithcouncil.org/annualbreakfastregistration.html)**

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This Sunday's Readings

Reformation Sunday



FIRST READING—Jeremiah 31:31-34

Throughout much of the book of Jeremiah, the prophet has accused the people of violating their covenant with God. Now he begins to build them up. But something must change within the people themselves. God promises to heal them from the inside out, to change not only their outward circumstances, but their very hearts.

“Behold, the days are coming,” says YHWH, “when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them up out of the land of Egypt—a covenant they broke, though I was their spouse,” says YHWH.

“But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days: I will put my law in their minds and in their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they need to teach one another, or remind one another to listen to YHWH. All of them, high and low alike, will listen to me,” says YHWH, “for I will forgive their misdeeds and will remember their sins no more.”

SECOND READING—Romans 3:19-28

Through grace, God claims us. To be justified is simply to be set right with God, to be brought into the sphere of Divine deliverance and justice.

Now we know that what the Law says is said to those under the Law. Therefore, let every mouth be silenced, and let all humankind be open to God’s judgment. This is because we are not justified in the sight of God by keeping the Law: law only makes us aware of sin.

But now the justice of God had been manifested apart from the Law, even though both Law and prophets bear witness to it; the justice of God works through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. There are no exceptions: everyone has fallen short of the glory of God. Yet everyone has also been undeservedly justified by the gift of God, through the redemption wrought in Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a propitiatory sacrifice, for the atonement of all who have faith in Christ’s blood. And God did so to manifest divine justice in the present—so that the Most High might be both a just judge and the One who justifies those who believe in Jesus.

What room is there then for boasting? It is ruled out. In what law do we boast—the law of works? No, only the law of faith. For we maintain that one is justified by faith—apart from keeping the law.

This Sunday's Readings—continued

GOSPEL—John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through God's Word. Jesus declares that the truth sets us free, and Jesus is a living example of Divine truth!

Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you live according to my teaching, you are really my disciples; then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered, "We are descendants of Sarah and Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be set free'?"

Jesus answered them, "The truth of the matter is, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. The slave does not always remain part of a household; an heir, however, is a member of that house forever.

So if the Heir—the Only Begotten—makes you free, you will be free indeed."



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- How identity theft can occur.
- Tips to help protect yourself.
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Sign up by calling Jo Zenke at (800) 564-1293 or email j.zenke@thrivent.com by Nov 11, 2011 and reserve your spot today or visit Thrivent.com/FindsWorkshop to register online.

A complimentary lunch and refreshments will be served following the workshop.

Identity Theft: What you need to know

Saturday, November 12, 2011
10:00 - Noon
West Portal Lutheran Church
200 Slo at Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94132

The "Identity Theft: What you need to know" workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale.

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2011 - 6th Annual Faith and Feminism, Womanist, Mujerista Conference

November 11 - 13, 2011

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5th Annual Faith and Feminism – Womanist – Mujerista Conference

Sponsored by herchurch San Francisco
November 11-13, 2011

at herchurch 678 Portola Dr. San Francisco

Theme: The Feminine Face of God/dess – Paradigm for
justice and empowerment

REGISTRATION

Key Note Speakers:

Jeanette Rodriguez, Ph.D. – Institute for Theological
Studies, Seattle University

Max Dashu – Suppressed Histories Archives, Oakland, CA

Mary Streufert, Ph. D. - Lutheran Feminist Scholar, ELCA
Women and Justice, Chicago

Artists in Residence: Shiloh McCloud and Sybil
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Schedule and Workshops and leaders – see below

Reformation Day Hymn Festival At Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

October 30, 2011 at 7 pm
PLTS Chapel of the Cross
2770 Marin Avenue, Berkeley, CA

Come and celebrate the Reformation with us, and meet **the Rev. John Nunes**, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

Rev. Nunes joined LWR in 2007. With a passion for service and deep commitment to LWR's core values, John leads staff in seventeen countries in working to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering.

Prior to joining LWR, Rev. Nunes served on the faculty of Concordia University, Chicago, as a professor of theology, and as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Chicago. He has also served as an urban parish pastor and community organizer in Dallas and Detroit. A gifted public speaker, he is also a frequent keynote presenter.

We hope you can join us!

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Turkish Folk Music, Sufi Mystic Stories & Images from Ancient Turkey: An Evening with Latif Bolat



Latif Bolat: One of the most well-known Turkish musicians in the U.S.

Latif Bolat mesmerizes audiences with his mastery of a vast repertoire of Turkish folk music, Sufi devotional songs, classical pieces and sacred ballads that he composed. He employs traditional instruments such as the long-necked lute, the *baglama*, and the *oud*, *bendir* and *ney flute*.

Now residing in New Mexico and Turkey, Bolat is in the midst of a world tour. He regularly performs in India, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Turkey, the Philippines, Australia, England, and all across Canada and the United States. He has appeared at Carnegie Hall, recorded four popular CDs, and composed music for the PBS Documentary: "Mohammed: Legacy of a Prophet" and George Lucas's TV series "Young Indiana Jones." He also co-authored a book with the compelling title "Quarreling with God." The Turkish Ministry of Culture has sponsored translations of his work on Sufi poetry, and the California Arts Council awarded Bolat with a grant for his contributions to the preservation of Turkish traditional music.

Bolat performs at **Cyprian's** Saturday, November 5 following a special bonus lecture and discussion on *1000 Years of Turkish Sufi Mystic Music, Poetry and Philosophy*.

Cyprian's is honored to host Latif Bolat for this exceptional evening of music, reflection and cultural awareness. His appearance is part of the **SF Live Arts** series at Cyprian's. The concert and lecture are separate events, but there is no charge for the lecture.

Lecture & Performance are at St. Cyprian's on Saturday evening, November 5.

For full details, go to:

<http://liveatcyprians.blogspot.com/2011/10/turkish-folk-music-sufi-mystic-stories.html>



I know, to banish anger altogether from one's breast is a difficult task. It cannot be achieved through pure personal effort. It can be done only by God's grace.—Mohandas Gandhi

7TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY INTERFAITH SERVICE

WHEN: Thursday, November 24, 2011, 10:00 – 11:00 am

WHERE: The Konkro Church of San Francisco, 1909 Bush Street

The San Francisco Interfaith Council invites religious leaders/people from various faith communities to join in a special service of prayer & thanksgiving. (please note: limited seating)



Interfaith World AIDS Day Service
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
7:30 pm
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
1111 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco

Sponsored by:
The Interfaith Center at the Presidio
The San Francisco Interfaith Council
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

MULTIFAITH RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL OBSERVANCES

October

- 30 Reformation Day ** - **Protestant Christian**
- 31 All Hallows Eve - **Christian**

November

- 1 All Saints' Day - **Christian**
- Samhain - Beltane * - **Wicca/Pagan** Northern and southern hemispheres
- 2 All Souls' Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 4-7 Hajj * - **Islam**
- 5 Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day * ** - **Islam**
- 6-9 Eid al Adha * ** - **Islam**
- 10 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday - **Sikh**
- 12 Birth of Baha'u'llah * - **Baha'i**
- 15 Nativity Fast begins through Dec. 24 - **Orthodox Christianm**
- 20 Christ the King - **Christian**
- 24 Thanksgiving - **Interfaith**
- Gkuru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 26 Day of Covenant * - **Baha'i**
- Hijra - New Year * ** - **Islam**
- 27 First Sunday of Advent - **Christian**
- 30 Saint Andrew's Day- **Christian**



Note: 1. * Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.
2. ** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.
Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.



Coming Events:

☞ **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**
REFORMATION SUNDAY



☞ **THEOLOGY & COFFEE DISCUSSION GROUP**
Tuesday, November 1, 7:00-8:30 pm
Peet's Coffee—601 Van Ness at Turk

☞ **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**
Tuesday, November 1, 7:30 pm
Medical office at 450 Sutter St.

☞ **NOVEMBER—MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE BEGINS**
First United designates November, which begins with All Saints Day, as a "Month of Remembrance." It's a special time to give thanks for the saints in our lives—those departed friends, family, and shining lights whom we love, and who nurtured us, taught us, or showed us the way.

☞ **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
Sunday, November 6
Worship in the Chapel at 5:00 pm

Sunday Worship

5:00 p.m. at

First Unitarian Universalist Chapel
1187 Franklin St.

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Nov. 1:
Orion

Nov. 9:
Sophia McDonald

Nov. 12:
Tamara Alliston

Nov. 22:
Richard Fisk

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider	Pr. Susan Strouse
Council Rep	Steve Johnson
Setup	TBA
Cantor	TBA
Worship Assistant(s)	Kirk & Russ
Refreshments/Bread	Kirk & Russ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER 6

Presider	Pr. Susan Strouse
Council Rep	Dana McDonald
Setup	TBA
Cantor	Jay Beatty
Worship Assistant(s)	Dana & Sophia
Refreshments/Bread	Dana & Sophia

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