

**St. Bede's Episcopal Church, Menlo Park
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 11
July 18, 2021**



WELCOME! 🌿

In song and sermon, prayer and practice, we seek to renew our ancient traditions in light of the modern world. We affirm the transformative power of God's word and Jesus' call to active charity. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, please join us today in fellowship. You are our most welcome guest!



ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF CALIFORNIA

The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus, Bishop

The Rev. Daniel Paul Spors, Rector

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Worship Service Sundays at 9:30 a.m.: Hybrid worship in the Sanctuary and on Zoom

ST. BEDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN MENLO PARK

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St. Bede's Choir (*returns in September*)

Sopranos: Orlia Budge, Catherine Clover, Rani
Fischer, Irene Lawrence, Vera Shadle, Nancy Stork

Altos: Naomi Braun (section leader), Dora Ho,
Kathleen Thompson, Becky Zeren

Tenors: Carol Brink, Ed Brink, Chris Brown

Basses: David Chu, Quentin Long

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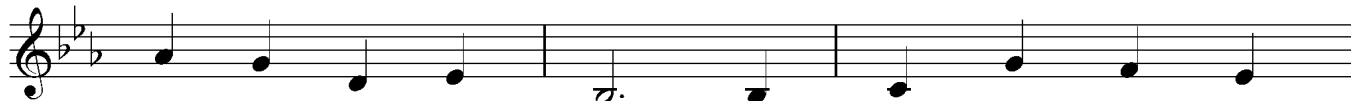
THE WORD OF GOD 

Hymn 653 Sung by all, standing as able

Dear Lord and Father of mankind



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) alt.

Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *spoken by all*

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All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 231

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LESSONS

First Lesson Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Reader A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
 is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
 all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
 or a guest, but like a child at home.____

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. Of Psalm 23

Music: *Resignation*, American Folk Melody

Reader A Reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Alleluia

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Alleluia.

All **The word of the Lord stands fast forever;
his word is the Gospel preached to you.
Alleluia.**

The Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

NRSV

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Presider The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

All The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON 

The Rev. Colby Roberts

NICENE CREED 

Enriching Our Worship 1 (EOW), p .53

Please stand as you are able.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop
Marc; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the
Church.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the
well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Sarah, Penny, Katie and Talley, Shireen and family, Ken and his family, Bill and Marc, Kristine, Margaret, Charles, Sandi, Sue, Jim, Arlys, Nancy, Carol and Juan Nosko, Julie, Stephanie, Tom, Bill, Mark, Cameron, Adele, Gina, Mark, John, Pete, Richard, Barbara, Anne, Jon, Tim, Kim, Karen, Donna, Ed, Suzie, Gladys, Josie, Tina, Karen, Kyle & Celeste, Keary & children, Angel, Sherrilynn & children, Rich, Conan, Anne, and Ryan.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers this week for those celebrating birthdays, Clark B. and Raymond R., and for those celebrating anniversaries.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Aunt Nancy, and Koichi.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Venerable Bede. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Intercessor Lord in your mercy,
All **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

EOW I, p. 19

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit for the Confession.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

Revelation 4:11

The congregation may be seated for the setting of the Altar for Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 

EOW 1 p. 60

At the following words, please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Venerable Bede and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Members of the congregation are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated bread. Please maintain proper distancing from those not in your household as you come forward, and please return to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the bread.

Anthem Beloved, God’s chosen

Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Beloved, God’s chosen,
Put on as a garment
Compassion, forgiveness
and goodness of heart;
Above all, before all,
Let love be your garment
That binds into one ev’ry dissonant part.
Beloved, God’s chosen,
Within, call forth Wisdom,

To dwell in you richly;
Let peace rule your hearts,
and that peace be of Christ.
And from the heart’s chamber,
Beloved and holy,
Let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.
Beloved, God’s chosen, put on as a
garment...

Susan Palo Cherwien (b. 1953)

Orlia Budge, Rani Fischer, and Katherine McKee, *soloists*

At the conclusion of Communion, the Presider says the following.

The congregation may stand, kneel, or sit.

Let us pray,

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Announcements

The Blessing

Book of Occasional Services, 2018, p. 15

Presider The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 495

Sung by all, standing as able

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Voluntary Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

Presider: **The Rev. Colby Roberts**

Music Director: **Katherine McKee**

Organist: **Rani Fischer**

Guest Organist (for hymns): **Cyrus D'Arcy**

Crucifer: **Irene Lawrence**

First Reading: **Nancy Stork**

Second Reading: **John Hickson**

Intercessor: **Nancy Shurtleff**

Usher: **Helen Greenwood**

Zoom Host: **Laura Gable**

Hospitality: **Julie Backlund, Susan Chan Egan**

Altar Guild: **Deborah Blackmore, Anne Vitullo (flowers)**

Special thanks to...

Ann Latta and **Joan Sanders** who shared agapanthus — commonly known as lilies of the Nile — from their gardens for use in church. Their flowers graced the sconces over the past two Sundays, bringing the beauty of God's creation into our worship.

Hospitality volunteer **Kathleen Thompson** who has kept us supplied with drinks and snacks to offer at "Coffee Hour Lite" each Sunday.

We so appreciate your help!

Flowers today are offered to the Glory of God



in thanksgiving for....

*The ministry of The Reverend Colby Roberts
by Katherine McKee*

and in memory of

*Our parents - Jim, Mary, Eliza & John
by Jon and Julie Backlund*

*My parents - William & Sheila Howard
by Deborah (Howard) Blackmore*



ANNOUNCEMENTS 

Reopening of our Campus

At this time, masks are required indoors at St. Bede's and social distancing is encouraged. Masks may be removed outdoors if you are fully vaccinated and maintain social distancing. Capacity limits have been discontinued, and congregational singing is once again permitted indoors. Serving food and beverages is permitted, provided that they are served in a manner that prohibits multiple people from touching items such as serving utensils or coffee urns.

Other gatherings or uses of the church are likewise permitted at this time. Our encouragement to you is that they happen outdoors as much as is feasible or possible. Our Reopening Plan reflects what special considerations go into use of the space, cleaning and sanitation, and aspects of our gathering such as music and service food and

drink. The Reopening Plan is available for you to read and understand what our current plans and permissions are at this time.

See the latest guidance from the [Diocese of California](#), the [State of California](#), and [San Mateo County](#).

July Soulwork (four sessions): The Context of Current Prayer Book Revision

Our current Book of Common Prayer has been in use for more than forty years, and so the Episcopal Church is beginning to think about its possible revision. This Soulwork series will be led by Irene Lawrence and will look at some of the current issues in liturgical renewal, as presented by four essays in *In Spirit and Truth*, ed. Budwey et al., Church Publishing Inc., 2020. It is not necessary to purchase or read the book to participate.

Supporting Our Community

Donations baskets have returned to the narthex at St. Bede's so that we can collect packaged foods, toiletries and other items to support Ecumenical Hunger Program and other local nonprofits. You can help by donating:

- Canned and packaged food
- Toiletries and personal care items
- Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes and spray
- Household cleaning supplies
- Disposable diapers (sizes 4 – 7) and baby wipes.

We cannot accept clothing or household goods in the donation baskets right now; pick up a fact sheet in the narthex for information about local organizations that would appreciate these items.

Bede's Backyards

Please join us for an opportunity to connect with each other and talk with our new rector, The Reverend Daniel Spors, in an informal setting. There's no formal agenda to these gatherings – just a chance to get together!

RSVPs are being handled online via Sign-up Genius; please click [this link](#) to view the schedule and select the date you'd like to attend. All gatherings will be small with a limit of 10 participants at each; so that we can accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we ask that you RSVP for one date only. Children are welcome at these gatherings but should be masked if they are not yet vaccinated; please leave your pets at home.

Sunday Hospitality Returns!

Our hospitality volunteers will offer a simple "Coffee Hour Lite" in the courtyard following the 9:30 a.m. service. To comply with current CalOSHA health guidelines, we will have bottled water and juices as well as individually wrapped treats. We will not be offering

self-serve beverages such as hot coffee and tea or communal pitchers of water at this time. Please plan to get your morning coffee at home before joining us at church. Seating will be available outside in the courtyard for everyone to gather. We look forward to seeing you there!

All Hands on Deck for our Volunteer Confab!

Now that we are all back in the pews, we need to reassemble and replenish our volunteer rosters. Please mark your calendar to attend a Volunteer Confab on **August 1 following the 9:30 service**. We'll meet with Reverend Dan in Lehman Hall to discuss volunteer openings as well as brainstorm creative ways to reframe these duties to become simpler and more efficient while continuing to enhance our worship together. We hope to see you there!

Give the Gift of Flowers

Now that we are worshipping in church again, Altar Guild is bringing the beauty of God's creation into our services. We invite you to sponsor the flower arrangements in the sanctuary one Sunday; it's a wonderful way to honor a loved one or simply share your love of flowers. The cost to sponsor the flowers for a single Sunday is \$60. Sign up for the Sunday you wish to sponsor on the poster in the courtyard narthex. To make your contribution, pick up a donation envelope from the basket at the back of the church; you may leave it in the offertory plate or drop it off at the church office during the week. Many thanks for your gift!

Supporting St. Bede's Financially

A special thanks to all of you who made a financial commitment to St. Bede's during our fall Stewardship campaign. Your gifts will enable us to meet our payroll and overhead expenses, support our weekly Zoom Chapel services, and keep the essential work of the church going, even while we continue to shelter at home. If you normally donate via the Sunday plate, please consider a financial gift to St. Bede's to help continue our work. Pledge payments and other contributions can be made securely by mailing a check to the church office at 2650 Sand Hill Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Donations may also be made on our website (PayPal fees apply).