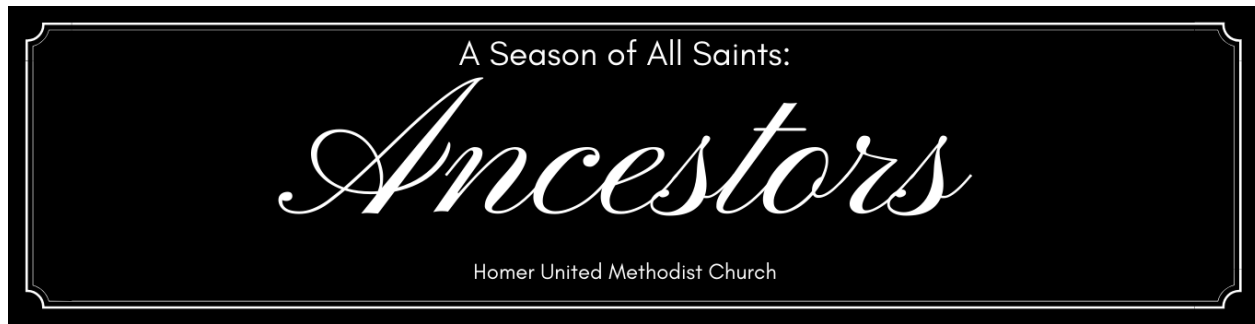




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### **Centering**

- Print out or pull up your Worship Guide
- Light a candle as a reminder of the light of Christ that connects us all
- Breathe deeply and remember that you are on holy ground
- Acknowledge the indigenous inhabitants of land on which you live

### **Land Acknowledgement**

In this series, we honor that great cloud of witnesses who came before us, both in our own lives and in our family of faith. We also acknowledge the ancestors of the land on which we dwell and pray that the indigenous peoples who have survived to steward these lands for generations will continue to thrive in the future.

I grew up in Anchorage, the ancestral land of the Dena'ina, which means "the people." I appreciate the past, present, and future Dena'ina people.

If you want to learn more about the land that you inhabit, please explore these resources:

- Anchorage Museum video on land acknowledgement:  
<https://www.anchoragemuseum.org/major-projects/projects/land-acknowledgement/>
- <https://native-land.ca>
- Bunnell Street resources:  
<https://backtracks.fm/discover/s/artist-talks-bunnell/362f36ba2dbda951>

### **Opening Prayer**

Thank you, God, for ancestors – the ancestors of this land, the ancestors of our families, and the ancestors of our faith. We are grateful for the lives and sacrifices of all the saints, and we are joyful that they surround us even today as a great cloud of witnesses cheering us on as we run this race. May we learn how to live wisely from their examples, their dedication, their faith, and their lives. **Amen.**

**Series Introduction: ANCESTORS**

King David is a celebrated ancestor of Jesus, but not all his actions were faithful or honorable.

**Scripture**

Bathsheba: Somebody Else's Wife

2 Samuel 11

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die." As Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant warriors. The men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was killed as well.

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord...

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Somebody Else's Wife

Pastor Lisa

## Song of Response

*Sanctuary*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs

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## Time of Gratitude

Maynard Gross

We honor the saints of our lives.

## Lord's Prayer

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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 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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

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## Benediction

May God, who has given us in the lives of the saints patterns of holy living, strengthen your trust and devotion so you may live faithfully through all things. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

*Marching to Zion*

Ola Mullikin

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MUSIC: Robert Lowry

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