



A long procession of hundreds clergy of numerous denominations and faiths walk on Highway 1806 from the Oceti Sakowin encampment to the site of the violent clash with law enforcement with Dakota Access Pipeline protesters, Thursday in Morton County, N.D.

Clergy join Dakota Access pipeline protesters for ceremony

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CANNON BALL, N.D. — Hundreds of clergy of various faiths joined protests Thursday against the Dakota Access oil pipeline in southern North Dakota, singing hymns, marching and ceremonially burning a copy of a 600-year-old document.

The interfaith event was organized to draw attention to the concerns of the Standing Rock Sioux and push elected officials to call for a halt to construction of the \$3.8 billion pipeline that’s to carry North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in Illinois. The tribe believes the pipeline that will skirt its reservation threatens its drinking water and cultural sites.

The pipeline “is a textbook case of marginalizing minority communities in the drive to increase fossil fuel supplies,” the Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association, said in a statement. Morales’ group sent more than 30 clergy to the event.

More than 500 clergy from around the world gathered with protesters on Thursday at a campfire at the main protest camp to burn a copy of a religious document from the 1400s sanctioning the taking of land from indigenous peoples. About 200 people then sang hymns while they marched to a bridge that was the site of a recent clash between protesters and law officers. Some held signs that read, “Clergy for Standing Rock.”

“It’s amazing the spirituality going around this place,” said Joe Gangone, who came with an Episcopal church group from South Dakota’s Rosebud Sioux Reservation.

The Rev. Tet Gallardo, a Unitarian Universalist minister from the Philippines,



A giant prayer circle is formed to the south of the Backwater Bridge and Highway 1806 as hundreds of clergy of numerous denominations and faiths show support for Dakota Access Pipeline protesters Thursday in Morton County, N.D.

said she was “moved to come” to the gathering.

“Water is the subject of concern also in the Philippines,” she said. “How can this happen to people who are so faithful to God?”

The group sang and prayed while gathered in a semicircle at the still-closed bridge while law officers monitored from vehicles at a barricade on the other side, from surrounding hillsides and from a helicopter flying overhead.

John Floberg, an Episcopalian minister from the Standing Rock Reservation who organized the event, called for “peaceful, prayerful, nonviolent and lawful activity here.” There were no immediate confrontations between group members and authorities, and no arrests, Morton County sheriff’s spokesman Rob Keller said.

Later Thursday, 14 protesters were arrested in the judicial wing of the Capitol in Bismarck. Highway Patrol Lt. Tom Iverson said

the protesters were sitting, chanting and singing and refused orders to leave. Three other people who refused orders to leave the governor’s residence on the Capitol grounds were also arrested. Iverson said the 17 individuals face criminal trespass charges in Burleigh County.

Their protest followed an interfaith day of prayer in the southern part of the state near the small town of Cannon Ball. Hundreds of clergy sang hymns and marched near the route of the pipeline.

Members of the Standing Rock Sioux have demonstrated against the pipeline for months, saying they fear it could harm drinking water and construction could damage sacred sites.

Opponents of the pipeline project have been camped near the route in southern North Dakota for months in an effort to stop construction. Clashes between protesters and police have resulted in more than 400 arrests since August.

The most recent incident came Wednesday, when law officers in riot gear used pepper spray to deter dozens of protesters who tried to cross a frigid stream to access property owned by the pipeline developer. Two people were arrested. About 140 people were arrested on the property last week in a law enforcement operation that cleared the encampment that protesters had established on the land.

Texas-based developer Energy Transfer Partners has said the 1,200-mile pipeline is largely complete outside of the area in south central North Dakota where it will go under Lake Oahe, a large Missouri River reservoir and the source of the tribe’s drinking water. The federal government in September ordered a temporary halt to construction on Army Corps of Engineers land around and beneath the lake while the agency reviews its permitting of the project. There’s no timetable for a decision.

BOARDMAN’S LIMEY PASTOR

Spring forward, fall back: Martin Luther’s alarm clock

We are coming to the point where the pendulum of our seasons changes, where our tilting pendulum of the earth calls us to adjust our unnatural clocks to allow for the changing pattern of the light. I am not fond of waking in the morning, and whoever it is that wakes in my creaking body before the real me climbs out of bed — and switches off my two multiply-triggered alarm clocks — is much appreciated by the real me. There is a wakeful Dr. Jekyll, but there is also a very sleep-deprived Mr. Hyde who appreciates the tenderness of darkness and warm, enfolding sheets.

This Sunday we celebrated Reformation Sunday. A turning of the tides in the life of the church. A waking to the light perhaps? Reformation Sunday is the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther’s initiative, the activist academic who started the movement that became our church, the Lutheran Church. (It should be noted that Dr. Luther couldn’t stand his name being in his church. “You are Christians, not Lutherans!” he insisted.)

We turn our colors of the church from



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green to red on this Sunday. Our practice in the Lutheran tradition is to tell the story of our creation out of the timbers of the great ship of Catholicism, about the academic and then populist reaction to a financially inspired change in the church’s design that caused one of the greatest revolutions that the world has ever seen.

In clock time, it is nearly 500 years since Luther posted his 95 Theses against various abuses that were being practiced by the monolithic Roman Catholic Church. This, it is stated, happened on October 30, 1517. The church had become a massive structure that essentially made money out of mercy for hire, selling letters of forgiveness for sins, known as indulgences, that even covered sins not yet committed. Men of faith still dwelt in the church but a poison had taken root in its body.

The church had deviated from Peter’s vision of a church that would set people free of their sins by Jesus’ mission on the cross, and that would not charge for its saving work, and it had become something terrible, holding the eternal

fate of a soul hostage for a fee. Money was to be paid to the church even in order to free dead relatives from the state of Purgatory and allow them to enter into Paradise once the fee was paid.

Luther’s firm rejection of the commercial intent of the church was the spark that ignited the Protestant reformation. Overwhelming disgust at the church’s effort caused a massive rejection of the corruption in the church. Its shock wave was the founding explosion, so to speak, of the Protestant revolution.

All of these other churches that now exist — Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian, Plymouth Brethren, etc. — would not exist without this restatement of the Gospel’s Grace for all, by Dr. Luther’s writing and attestation to the saving gift of Jesus alone. It caused the primal split in the church. Even churches that are new, such as the Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormonism, would not likely exist, or at least have the same shape in their founding, without the Reformation of Dr. Luther.

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