

9th Sunday after Pentecost

*Indicates that all who are able are invited to stand.
Bold type invites the people to respond.
 PH by hymns denotes the large hymnal &
 STF is the blue soft sided hymnal

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude
Lighting the Candles and Ringing of the Bell
Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship:
 One: The heavens declare the righteousness of God.
 All: **The earth declares God’s beauty.**
 One: From the rising of the sun to its setting
 All: **God’s word shines forth in glory.**

*Morning Prayer
 *Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* PH-473

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet how often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses...
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
 ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
Words of Peace

Please turn to one another with a wave and a smile as you share God’s peace.
*Congregational Response *Glory Be to the Father* PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
 Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

One: The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
 All: **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**
 One: Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
 All: **God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of the people.**
 One: “Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
 All: **The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause, for it is God who is judge.**
 One: Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.
 All: **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**
 One: Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart and there be none to deliver you.
 All: **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; I will show the salvation of God to those who go the right way.”**
 One: Almighty God, your servant Jesus became obedient to death, a sacrifice greater than all the sacrifices of old. Receive the praise we offer, not as we ought but as we are able, and help us to dedicate our whole lives to you as our spiritual worship; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
 Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:32-40
 Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Sermon
*Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* PH-387

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer
 Response: O God of hope, increase our faith.
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering
Thank you for your gifts of financial support of Bethel’s ministries which may be placed in the offering plate near the main entrance to the sanctuary. Please hold our ministries in your prayers as music is shared during this time.

*Congregational Response *Doxology*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed
 I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* PH-276
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Stephen Bartenhagen, Lay Worship Leader; Sue Updegraff, Musician

Pastor Kleppe would welcome visiting you in your home or at a coffee shop in town. Her contact information is 563-380-8187 or lori.kleppe@gmail.com

"Sanctuary Sips", a hospitality table, has been placed in the narthex. Please help yourself to a beverage which may be brought into the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, August 10

9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Session Meets

Tuesday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Diaconate

Thursday, August 14

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Members and friends of Bethel who seek healing and wholeness in their lives are kept in prayer during worship. Today we are remembering – Cathy Bemiss, Teri Brockway, Don & Janice Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, baby McCoy.

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Ossian Care Center – Cindy Barness

Welcome to Worship at Bethel Presbyterian Church!

-The order of service is found in your bulletin and projected on the screen.

-An * shows the time when the congregation stands. If it is more comfortable to remain seated, please do so.

-Restrooms are found on each level of the church. An usher will help you find your way. Fully accessible restrooms are located in the basement.

-A nursery room is available but we welcome hearing the sound of small children.

-Communion is offered on most first Sundays of the month. All are welcome to receive the elements of the meal. An usher will invite you forward or servers may come to you in the pew.

-We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.



**Welcome to worship at
Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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