

10th 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: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.
All: Mindful of the gifts we receive and confident of the sustenance the Lord provides, let us worship God.

*Morning Prayer
*Hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* PH-403

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession

God of hope, we confess our disregard for your care, our doubt of your providence, our blindness to signs of your love. We are afraid to risk our comforts to find new life; we separate ourselves from you and from others and foster divisions between those you love. Help us to amend our lives and make us your faithful people who bear the good fruit of your Word in the world...
(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 5:1-7
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
One: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
All: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.
One: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.
All: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.
One: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
All: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.
One: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
All: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
One: Turn now, O God of Hosts, look down from heaven;
All: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.
One: They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
All: Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one you have made so strong for yourself.
One: And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.
All: Restore us, O Lord God of Hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
One: Lord God, you so tend the vine you planted that now it extends its branches throughout the world. Keep us in Christ as branches on the vine, that, grafted firmly in your love, we may show the whole world your great power and bear the fruit of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Gospel Lesson Luke 12:49-56
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
*Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* PH-357
We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
Response: hear our prayer.
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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* PH-388

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; LeAnn Popenhagen, Lay Worship Leader; Linda Fritz, 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

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Wednesday, August 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Stoney Brook

Next Sunday, August 24

10:00 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.

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A People and a Place where God is made Known



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

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