

11th 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: God is our rock and our fortress, our refuge
and strength.
All: **God is our hope and our trust. Praise the
Lord!**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* PH-430

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Life, you come to us as a consuming fire, and the one who has consecrated us before time. You promise us the kingdom that cannot be shaken and call us to serve you with praise and thanksgiving. But we forget, and yield to fear. We trust in the tangible rewards of this world, and neglect your promises. We confess that we are a divided people; we foster separations and widen rifts in our families, our communities, and in the world. Open us to your healing. Free us from all that distances us from your presence. Give us your grace and inspire us to serve you with courage...
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...through Jesus Christ who comes to save. 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 71:1-6

One: In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
All: **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**
One: Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
All: **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**
One: For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.
All: **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**
One: God our strong fortress, do not forsake us in youth or old age. Help us to follow your will through all our years and under all circumstances, that forever we may praise your faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29

Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:10-17

Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Breaking the Rules*

*Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* PH-394

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 For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* PH-466

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Robin Bostrom, Lay Worship Leader; Linda Johansen, 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 24

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Thursday, August 28

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, August 31

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket offering
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

Wednesday September 3rd there is a blood drive at Holy Name Parish Center from 12:30 to 5:30.

Next Sunday we will be baptizing Charlotte Post.

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.

We want to remember and hold up in prayer these students that received scholarships from Bethel: Brooke Burgin, Lacey Lauer, Kennadi Butikofer, & Mattison Goddard (attending Upper Iowa).



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A People and a Place where God is made Known



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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.
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