

8th 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: We are children of God, learning to walk.
All: **Day by day, we are learning to be the church.**
One: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.
All: **God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.**

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* PH-439

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways
on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always
follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own
way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in
you...
*(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and
personal confession.)*
...through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Hosea 11:1-11
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 107:1-9, 43

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for
God's mercy endures forever.
All: **Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God
redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
One: gathering them in from the lands; from the east
and from the west, from the north and the
south.
All: **Some wandered in the desert wastes; they
found no path to a city where they might dwell.**
One: They were hungry and thirsty; their spirits
languished within them.
All: **Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and
you delivered them from their distress.**
One: You led them on a straight path to go to a city
where they might dwell.
All: **Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your
steadfast love and your wonderful works for all
people.**
One: For you satisfy the thirsty soul and fill the
hungry with good things.
All: **Whoever is wise will ponder these things, and
consider well the Lord's steadfast love.**
One: O God, you are bread to the hungry, deliverance
to the captive, healing to the sick, and harbor to
every soul in peril. Gather the wanderers from
every corner of the world into the community of
your mercy and grace, that we may eternally
praise you for our salvation in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:13-21
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* PH-361

We Respond to God's Word

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right...

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.

Words of Institution
We Share the Bread and Cup
Prayer after Communion

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 *Savior Like a Shepherd* PH-387

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Julie Aanes, Lay Worship Leader; Sue Updegraff, Musician; Dave and Julie Aanes Communion servers.

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 3

9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord's Supper
Fellowship following

Next Sunday, August 10

9:30 a.m. – Morning Worship
Fellowship following
Session Meets

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 worshipping with us this morning. If your schedule allows, please join us for a time of fellowship following the service.

We are gathering items for the CWS Kid's Kit (formerly known as the CWS School Kit). Items need to be here by August 10th, we are putting them together on the 14th. Thank you! The Sewing Circle

Items needed:
12 colored pencils
Two-pocket folder
Glue Stick
70-page wide ruled spiral-bound notebook

BETHEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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