

19th 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: No matter how far from God we seem to be, we do not lose heart.
All: **For the days are surely coming says the Lord.**
One: No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart.
All: **For the days are surely coming says the Lord.**
One: No matter how hard it is to continually pray and work for justice; we do not lose heart.
All: **For the days are surely coming says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.**

*Morning Prayer
*Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* PH-276

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world. Turn our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever...
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...We pray in Christ's name. 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 31:27-34
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 119:97-104
One: Oh, how I love your teaching!
All: **Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.**
One: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.
All: **I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.**
One: I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
All: **I do not turn aside from your judgements, because you yourself have taught me.**
One: How sweet are your words to my taste! They are sweeter than honey in my mouth.
All: **Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.**
One: Holy God, your Son blessed the peacemakers and called them your children. Give us that peace which the world cannot give, so that, freed from the schemes of the arrogant and devoted to works of peace, we may go forward joyfully to meet you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* PH-379
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response: we cry to you day and night. Help us, O God.

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
We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* PH-356

*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432
Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Julie Aanes, 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, October 19

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Luncheon following

Sarah Updegraff Murray speaks

Thursday, October 23

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, October 26

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

Congregational Meeting

Home Harvest Potluck

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.

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 Durscher, Sarah Updegraff Murray, Kirk Bruso, baby McCoy, and Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom).

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer

Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape

Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden

Ossian Care Center – Cindy Barness

Maple Crest – Tex Heyer

Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor

The Worship Ministry Team would like to invite our Bethel Congregation to participate in our "Give *Digital* Thanks" video during November. Send us a photo or photos of what you are thankful for with a one or two word caption. We love hearing from our Bethel Family and this video is so enjoyable for everyone because it is created by YOU! What a great way to stay connected with our extended church family. *What are you thankful for?*

Send your photo to bethelwu@gmail.com

If you don't use email, bring a photo to the church office to scan.

Swiss Steak Supper Tuesday, November 4th, 4:30 – 7 at Silver Springs Golf Course, Ossian, IA. Tickets: \$17.00.

Blood Drive at the North Fayette Valley High School.
November 5th, 12:30 to 5:30.

We are switching the email. Please note the new address.
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**Welcome to worship at
Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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