

20th 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: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation:
All: **you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**
One: By your strength you established the mountains;
All: **you are girded with might.**
One: You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of the waves, the tumult of the peoples.
All: **Those who live at earth’s farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shouts for joy.**

*Morning Prayer
*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* PH-455

Call to Confession
Prayer of Confession
No words can express the depth of our need or reveal the extent of our sin. But you know us completely, O God.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. You rescue us from evil and clothe us with love. Humbly, we thank you; for no words can express our gratitude for the gift of your salvation.
(Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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 Joel 2:23-32
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 65
One: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
All: **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**
One: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
All: **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**
One: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
All: **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**
One: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and clamor of the peoples.
All: **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
One: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
All: **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
One: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
All: **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**
One: Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may praise you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* PH-383

Recognition & Celebration of 50 & 75 year members

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Response: hear our prayers.

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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* PH-306

*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 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 26

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket offering
Congregational Meeting
Harvest Home Potluck

Next Sunday, November 2

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord's Supper
All Saint Day
Fellowship following

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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BETHEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A People and a Place where God is made Known



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

**Harvest Home Sunday
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October 26th, 2025**