

22nd 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: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
All: **We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.**
One: Sing praises to the Lord:
All: **Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.**
One: Let the sea roar, and all that fill it, the world and those who life in it.
All: **The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together.**
One: Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn *Here I Am Lord* PH-525

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives.
(Pause for a moment of silent reflection and personal confession.)
Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. **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 Lesson Job 19:23-27a
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm and Psalm Prayer Psalm 17:1-9
One: Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
All: **Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice**
One: Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
All: **I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
One: My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
All: **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
One: Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
All: **Keep me as the apple of your eye;**
One: from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 20:27-38
Reading ends: This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See* PH-324

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s 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
(Selections from the Barmen Declaration)

“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.”
Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God’s revelation.

“Jesus Christ has been made wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption for us by God.”
As Jesus Christ is God’s comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God’s vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

“Let us, however, speak the truth in love, and in every respect grow into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined together.”
The Christian Church is the community of brethren in which, in Word and Sacrament, through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ acts in the present as Lord. With both its faith and its obedience, with both its message and its order, it has to testify in the midst of the sinful world, as the Church of pardoned sinners, that it belongs to him alone and lives and may live by his comfort and under his direction alone, in expectation of his appearing. We reject the false doctrine that the Church could have permission to hand over the form of its message and of its order to whatever it itself might wish or to the vicissitudes of the prevailing ideological and political convictions of the day.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* PH-370

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; Stephen Bartenhagen, Lay Worship Leader; Farrah 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, November 9

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship

Fellowship following

Session Meet

Monday, November 10

9:30 a.m. Diaconate

Thursday, November 13

9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, November 16

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/New Member Welcome

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 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

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.

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.

We are switching the email. Please note the new address.

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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.

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