

Palm Sunday

*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: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?
ALL: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.
ONE: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,
ALL: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn All Glory Laud & Honor PH-88

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example. We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient. You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that. Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love. Heal us, and help us to follow. (Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.)
...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
Even in the face of hatred and violence, we know that Christ loves us. Even when enduring death, Christ cares for us; Christ forgives us. Thanks be to the God of mercy.

Words of Peace

Since we have received the peace of Christ, let us share that peace with one another. The peace Christ be with you all!

*Congregational Response Glory Be to the Father PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination
Responsive Psalm Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose mercy endures forever.
All: Let Israel now proclaim, "The mercy of the Lord endures forever."
One: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.
All: "This is the gate of the Lord; those who are righteous may enter."
One: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation.
All: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
One: This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
All: On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
One: Hosanna, Lord, hosanna! Lord, send us now success.
All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.
One: God is the Lord, who has shined upon us; form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
All: "You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you."
One: Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow him and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. Amen.

New Testament Lesson Philippians 2:5-11

Reading ends: A new teaching, with authority!
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 27:11-54

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

Sermon

We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus PH-92

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 either before or following worship. A Cross Reflection will be shared during this time.

*Congregational Response Doxology
*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten, of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate in the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who precedes from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Leave to Serve God

*Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* PH-143

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Response *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe; 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

Beverages are available in the narthex and may be enjoyed during worship. You are invited to help yourself.

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, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson's mom), Darwin Schrage, Mike Schroyer and Victor Schmitz (home).

Stoney Brook - Kate Ewing, Kathy Meyer
Good Samaritan Center - Peggi Pape
Eastern Star Decorah – Doyle Gorden
Maple Crest – Tex Heyer
Copper Creek – Sandy Schnor (in hospital)

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, March 29

8:30 a.m. Congregational Care Team Breakfast

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

Saturday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m. at Bethel

Good Friday Service

7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church

Next Sunday, Easter

10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/the Lord's Supper

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.

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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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