

Day of 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: God sent forth the Spirit, and all creation rejoiced. God’s breath filled the skies, the sea, the land, and all creatures.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

One: Let us sing to the Lord as long as we have breath.

ALL: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

*Morning Prayer

*Hymn Morning Has Broken Ph-469

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. (Pause for a few moments of silent reflection and personal confession.) ...through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture is clear: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God!

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! And also with you.

*Congregational Response Glory Be to the Father PH-579

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

Reading ends: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Psalm 104:24-34

One: How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

All: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

One: There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All: All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.

One: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

All: When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

One: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works

One: You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

All: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.

One: May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reading ends: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-23

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

Sermon We Respond to God’s Word

*Hymn Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart PH-326

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.

*Congregational Response Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving/Dedication

*Affirmation of Faith 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.

***Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* PH-473

We Leave to Serve God

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response** *Song of Hope* PH-432

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today’s worship leaders: Rev. Lori Kleppe;
Gregg Kleppe, Lay Leader; and 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

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

Tuesday, June 2nd at 9:30am we will start planning the Community Ecumenical Worship Service which will be July 5th. We will meet Bethel - there will be coffee, of course! Please feel free to invite anyone you think that would be willing to help with the planning.

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

Today, May 24
Day of Pentecost
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship
Fellowship following

Thursday, May 28
9:30 a.m. Sewing Circle

Next Sunday, May 31
Trinity Sunday
10:00 a.m. – Morning Worship w/Noisy Bucket
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. If helpful, 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, Rose Marie Knight (Julie Larson’s mom), Darwin Schrage, Baby McCoy (continuing to heal at 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

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Bethel Presbyterian Church,
where everyone is welcome.**

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