

Bethel United Church of Christ

October 29, 2017

The People of God Gather for Worship

21st Sunday after Pentecost Festival of Harvest and Reformation Sunday

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices

Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS [†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Kings 5:1-5

Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, "You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

* HYMN NO. 272

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

AURELIA

OPENING ANTHEM

Ring and Sing, Alleluia

C. Bateman & C. Young

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 8:1-5

(Pg. 271, Pew Bible)

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in

the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered.

CALL TO CONFESSION Take, O Take Me As I Am (sung twice)

Text & Music by John Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. Yet too many times we act as if we don't know you, as if we don't love you, as if it's not our greatest joy to serve you; as if your Word is incomplete and without relevance to our daily lives. Forgive us we pray. Give us ears to hear your still-speaking voice, that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

SONG OF RESPONSE NO. 305 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING



SECOND LESSON

1 Kings 8:6-13

(Pg. 271, Pew Bible)

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the

two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon said, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all; **And also with you.**



INVITATION TO SHARE

Offertory

Thee We Adore

Adoro Te Devote, Paris 1697 arr. R. Hebble

*Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

* Prayer of Dedication

LITANY IN OBSERVANCE OF REFORMATION DAY

Interweaving Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God with the words from Holy Scripture that inspired it, the words of Psalm 46

Leader:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

People:

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

All Sing:

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Leader:

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

People:

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

All Sing:

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

Leader:

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God speaks and the earth melts.

People:

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader:

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People:

God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

All Sing:

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

Leader:

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

People:

God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

Leader:

The Lord of hosts is with us;

People:

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All Sing:

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth; let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Fanfare Gilbert Martin

- * Indicates those who are able please stand
- Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

Large print bulletins are available

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Today's cover art on our bulletin is the seal of Martin Luther, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The black cross represents the pain of mortal life. The red heart stands in the middle of a white rose to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. The rose resides in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that joy in spirit and faith is the beginning of a heavenly future joy, grasped in hope, but not yet revealed. Around the blue field is a golden ring, reminding us that such blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Anthem: Senior Choir, Susie Amrhein, Flute;

Directed by Julie Roberts

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Directed by Julie Roberts

Greeters: Vic and Susan Mann

Ushers: David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Jake Bunn, Bruce Lobbesael, and

Ethan Lobbestael

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Oct. 22 Family of Lorena Dieterle Braylon Griggs Heather Wilson

Oct. 29 Marie Bauer
Family of Dwight Carr
Sheyenne Delaney
Austin Helber
Alan Holbrook
Family of Earl Meyer
Steve Night
Derek Olson

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

September 25, 2010 Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines

January 13, 2013 Zachary Steelman, 101st Airborne, U.S. Army

April 3, 2016 Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines October 8, 2017 Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy

EVENTS TODAY

8:15 a.m. Confirmation class



Lilly and Abby Diuble will be hosting their annual fall fundraiser called "Color My World" on Saturday, November 11 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. The doors open at 6:00pm. There will be food, drinks, German pretzels and snacks. There will be a DJ this year, dancing and fun for all ages!

New this year—Tickets will be on sale prior to the event at Diuble Equipment and from our ticket committee. Cost is a donation of \$20/person with a \$50/Family max.

There will be items available for live and silent auction as well as some raffles. Currently we are seeking donations of items for this. If you have an item or want to sponsor an item please contact one of the Diuble family to do so.

Saturday, November 11, 2017 6:00 pm \$20/person. \$50/family max Get tickets at Diuble Equipment or a Diuble family member!

CAVE THE DATE

Scrip Cards for Mission

Scrip celebrating 23rd anniversary & 11 days of flash bonuses October 21-31 SCRIP will offer a new set of 24-hour flash bonuses from different retailers each day. Sign up for ShopWithScrip if you have not already and take advantage of these increased bonuses which will benefit Bethel Missions! Check the ShopWithScrip website, and if you have any questions, contact Bonnie Mitchell (734-665-3068) or Cathy Moore (734-649-7431)

\$10 denomination gift cards October 21-December 15: Amazon.com, Applebee's, Barnes & Noble, CVS Pharmacy, Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, Home Depot, IHOP, Meijer, Outback/Carrabba's/Bonefish Grill, Red Lobster, Target, Walmart.

\$5 denomination gift cards: Panera and Starbucks.