

Bethel  
United Church of Christ  
January 20, 2019

# The People of God Gather for Worship

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Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices  
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

*More Precious than Silver*

Lynn deShazo  
Setting by P. Bettcher

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS<sup>†</sup>

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\* HYMN NO. 288

*O God of Vision* (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

LOBE DENHERREN

ANTHEM

*Come to Me*

Bradley Ellingboe

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pew Bible, page 2

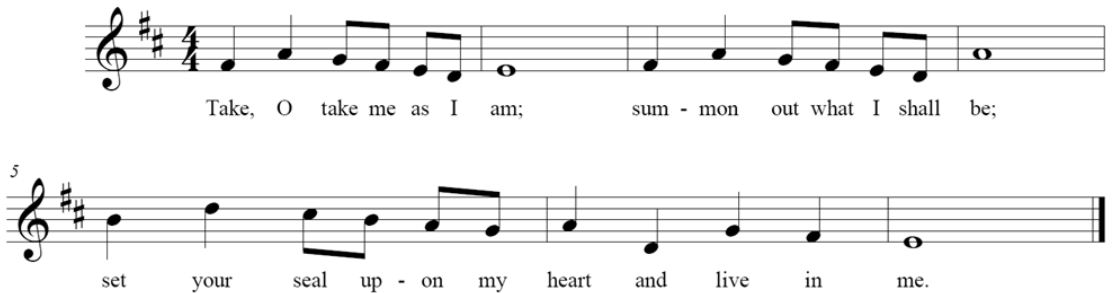
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die;

for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Take, O Take Me As I Am* (sung twice)

Text and Music by John Bell



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

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set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you, whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness. We have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will.

#### SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 180 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (vs. 3 & 4) ST. FLAVIAN

**And through these days of penitence, and through your passion tide,  
For evermore, in life and death, O Christ with us a bide.  
Abide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,  
An Easter of unending joy we may at last attain!**

#### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 785

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ” Then the

devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 171

*God's Love Made Visible* (vs. 1, refrain only)

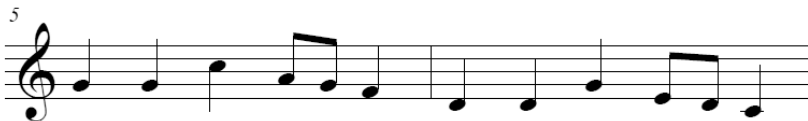
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God's love made vis-i-ble! In-com-pre-hen-si-ble!



Christ is in - vin-ci-ble! His love shall reign!



From love so boun-ti-ful, bless-ings un-count-a-ble



make death sur-mount-a-ble! His love shall reign!

## INVITATION TO SHARE †

\* Offertory

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

R. Lowery/Setting by J.N. Beck

Transcribed by J. Linker

\* 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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

### 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.**

\* HYMN NO. 439

*God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Fantasia*

Johann Krieger

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\* 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

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## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Pat and Judy Laberde

Ushers: Diana Haft, Andrew Helber, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson,  
and Lou Ann Preston

Acolyte: Peyton Klein

Lay Reader: Becky Mann

Anthem: Senior Choir, Directed by Julie Roberts

Child Care: Jill Corwin and Lilly Diuble

Altar Flowers: Given by Jeff & Becky Mann in memory of Courtney & Christopher

## PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families  
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
December 30	Michelle Hiscock.....	
	Gail Holder .....	Jean Holder
	Frank Robb .....	
	Turner Russell.....	Michelle Roberts
	Maverick Wagner .....	Patsy Aiken
	My Grandma in Heaven.....	Karsyn Klein
January 6	Family of Taylor Anderson .....	Rich Casteels
	Glenda Capps .....	Emily St. Charles
	Stephen Coulter .....	Amy Riley
	Family of William (Bill) Peters .....	Cathy Moore
	Family of Officer Michael Smith .....	Tim Seeger
	Family of Mary Turton.....	Renee Casteels
	Paul Whelan and family.....	
January 13	Family of Chris Carpenter .....	Toby & Renee St. Charles
	Family of Tom Finley.....	Jean Holder
	Family of Donna Winter-Hagen.....	The Diuble Family
	Chris (Harbert) Hassett.....	David Bucholtz
	Patti Henes .....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Cindy Steele.....	Nancy Loudin
	Lyle Wahl.....	Duane Kuebler
	Marian Youngs .....	Diane Kring
January 20	Family of Lonnie Haris .....	
	Family of Diane Jordan.....	Emily St. Charles
	Family of Keith Kothe .....	Renee St. Charles
	Dale Olsen.....	Patty & Stan Lambarth

### Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 <sup>st</sup> Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals .....	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals .....	Jody Munson

## EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class  
**11:45 a.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal  
**4:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Jan. 21  
**No** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**No** Children's Choir rehearsal  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
**7:30-9:00 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Jan. 22  
**9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting  
**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters  
**5:00 p.m.** Vespers
- Thurs., Jan. 24  
**9:00-10:00 a.m.** Renee's revised office hours for today only
- Sun., Jan. 27  
**9:30 a.m.** Worship  
**10:30-11:30 a.m.** Sunday School - please note earlier end time  
**No** Confirmation Class  
**11:15 a.m.** Bethel Chili Cook-off  
**12:30 a.m.** Annual meeting  
**4:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry
- Mon., Jan. 28  
**6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
**7:30-9:00 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- Sun., Jan. 27  
**3:00 p.m.** Musical performance by U of M school of music professor and coach at Emanuel UCC, Manchester  
**3:00-5:00 p.m.** Interfaith Round Table of Washtenaw County presents 2019 Faces of Faith. Hear stories of Muslim, Native(Anishinaabe), Christian, Atheist, Old Catholic, and Buddhist. Followed by annual fundraising dinner at the Mission 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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