



You
are the salt
of the earth
(Matthew 5:13).

Bethel
United Church of Christ

January 27, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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

PRELUDE *A Time for New Beginnings* Lani Smith

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[‡]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 112

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

* HYMN (see insert) *Blessed Be Your Name* Beth and Matt Redman

ANTHEM *Come, Now Is the Time for Worship* Brian Doerksen

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON Matthew 5:1-12a Pew Bible, page 785

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.”

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. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God blesses those who realize their need for him, for the kingdom of heaven is given to them.

But we have been proud in spirit, inflated with pride in our own self-sufficiency.

God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will be their inheritance.

But we have valued toughness over gentleness. We too often chose to be concerned with ourselves rather than with our neighbors.

God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

But we have often presided as harsh judges over the lives of others. We have been quick to place blame on anything or anyone but ourselves.

God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.

But we are often at war with one another. In a thousand little ways we demand to be catered to.

Lord, show us your mercy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 326

Thy Word

THY WORD

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (repeat)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way. Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (repeat)**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

Pew Bible, page 786

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

* 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)
**God's love made visible. Incomprehensible.
Christ is invincible. His love shall reign.
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
make death surmountable. His love shall reign!**

POSADA

SERMON

SALT, FAT, ACID, HEAT

INVITATION TO SHARE †

* Offertory

Meditation

Lloyd Larson

* 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 (see insert)

Holy Is The Lord

Chris Tomlin

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Duet

George Frederic Handel

* 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: Vic and Susan Mann
Ushers: Larry Egeler, Fred Jahnke, Judy Jahnke, Phil Miller, and Vicki Miller
Acolyte: Sydney Jedele
Lay Reader: Collin Campbell
Anthem: Praise Choir with Julie Roberts, guitar; Judy Fiegel, accompanist;
Amanda Eisenmann, percussion
Child Care: Kristi Campbell and Lili St. Charles
Altar Flowers: Given by Jack, Debbie, & Mark Austin, and Joyce Guenther in
memory of Rollie

Holy Is the Lord

*We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now, how great, how awesome is He
And together we sing, everyone sing:*

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory**

*It's rising up all around, it's the anthem of the Lord's renown (repeat)
And together we sing, everyone sing:*

**Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory**

Blessed Be Your Name

*Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.*

*Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.*

CHORUS – Congregation



Ev-'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

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When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will say, "Bless-ed be the

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name of ___ the Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the

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name of ___ the Lord, ___ bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

*Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.*

*Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.*

CHORUS – Congregation

*You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name! (Repeat)*

CHORUS – Congregation

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>
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
	Family of Chris (Harbert) Hassett	David Bucholtz
	Patti Henes	Stacey Neigebauer
	Cindy Steele.....	Nancy Loudin
	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
January 27	Marie Bauer.....	David Bucholtz
	Gail Holder	Jean Holder
	Denny Huehl	Rachel Girbach
	Phyllis Meranuck	David Bucholtz
	Pat Laberdee	David Bucholtz
	Lyle Wahl.....	Diane Kring

Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st 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
10:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday School - please note earlier end time
No Confirmation Class
10:30 p.m. Youth Ministry
11:15 a.m. Bethel Chili Cook-off
12:30 a.m. Annual meeting



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Tues., Jan. 29 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Sat., Feb. 2 **5:30 p.m.** Alpha House Family Shelter
- Sun., Feb. 3 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry meeting
- Mon., Feb. 4 **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
- Tues., Feb. 5 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
 6:45 p.m. Cabinet meeting - please send a representative from your group/committee.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Sun., Jan. 27 **3:00 p.m.** Piano recital by Kathryn Goodson with Bass-Baritone Daniel Washington 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 Hindu Chinmaya Mission, 4760 Packard, Ann Arbor, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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