



Bethel
United Church of Christ
February 10, 2019

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ChRiSt the
SOLID ROCK
I stand

The People of God Gather for Worship

Fifth 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 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* Pritchard
Arr. by L. Smith

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 31

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

* HYMN NO. 21 *Let the Whole Creation Cry* LLANFAIR

ANTHEM *Rock-a My Soul* African American Spiritual
arr. by Hal Hopson

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON Matthew 7:13–14, 21–23 Pew Bible, page 788

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it. “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 354 *Seek Ye First* (vs. 1) SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness.

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Al-le-lu, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image – as we imagine it now in the silence of our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 354

Seek Ye First (vs. 2 and 3)

SEEK YE FIRST

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Al-le-lu, alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God.

Al-le-lu, alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 7:24–29

Pew Bible, page 788

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

* 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)

POSADA

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!**

SERMON

FOUNDATIONAL FAITH

BLANKET SUNDAY PRESENTATION

Church World Service Blankets offering began last Sunday and continues through February 24th. Envelopes are in the pews. In 2018 54,770 blankets were distributed in the United States alone. Let's learn about CWS blankets by reading together, responsively:

Ten-dollars will purchase a warm blanket that will help people around the world, like a mother who wanders in the desert with nothing to shield her child from the broiling sun.

Congregation: These blankets can shelter families in the deserts around the world.

Like a father who wants to protect his children from the cold wind and the heavy snow.

Congregation: These blankets can shelter families from the cold and help to keep them warm

Remember, after the flood God sent a rainbow of hope and promises.

Congregation: These blankets give hope and promise to victims of fires, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis in California, Florida, Brazil, India and Indonesia.

Remember, the Good Samaritan covered the wounds of a beaten man and took him to a safe place to receive care.

Congregation: These blankets give warmth and care to our brothers and sisters around the world who are ill from malnutrition, malaria, HIV and other health concerns.

Remember, Ruth arrived in Bethlehem, a refugee with nothing.

Congregation: These blankets become a comfort to those forced from their homes into shelters and refugee camps in the US, Eastern Europe, Central America and Africa.

Remember, after Jesus had risen he returned to his followers, instructing them to care for his sheep.

Congregation: These blankets give warmth and shelter; comfort and privacy; and healing and hope wherever God's Congregation may need care.

We are going to distribute a tiny blanket to you today, to remind you that just \$10 will provide a sturdy, warm, comforting blanket to God's people in need of care. Last year Bethel's Blanket offering was \$1,290. Let's see if we can beat this! Envelopes are in the pews. This offering will be dedicated on February 24th.

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

- * Offertory *Turn Back, O Man, Forswear Thy Foolish Ways* Old 124th
Setting by H. Hopson
- * 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. 453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* (vs. 1, 2, and 5) BEECHER

* BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE *Benedicamus Te* Francois Couperin

* 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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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 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
February 3	Glenda Capps	Emily St. Charles
	Irene Jacob	David Bucholtz
	Family & friends of David Kelly	Alison Robison
	Paul Whelan and family.....	
	Sharon Williams.....	Cat & James Meyer
February 10	David Bunn.....	Lori Lobbestael
	Patti Henes.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Melvin and Joanne Roehm	
	David Jedele.....	

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

Ingathering of Material Aids

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School

No Confirmation class

11:00 a.m. Circle discussion about Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Feb. 11	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 - Sopranos and Altos only
Tues., Feb. 12	9:00 a.m.	Bethel Quilters
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Team meeting
Wed., Feb. 13	6:45 p.m.	Church Board meeting
Thurs., Feb. 14		Valentine's Day
Fri., Feb. 15		Newsletter articles are due
Sun., Feb. 17		Ingathering of Material Aids
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class
	11:30 a.m.	Praise Choir rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry
Mon., Feb. 18		Presidents' Day
	No	Children's Choir rehearsal
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir rehearsal
	7:30-9:00 p.m.	Senior Choir rehearsal - Sopranos and Altos only
Tues., Feb. 19	9:00 a.m.	Bethel Quilters
	9:00 a.m.	Archives Committee meeting
Thurs., Feb. 21	7:15 p.m.	Youth Task Force meeting
Sat., Feb. 23	5:00 p.m.	Spaghetti Supper & Choice Raffle
	6:30 p.m.	Voices in Harmony performance
Sun., Feb. 24	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour sponsored by the Bethel Quilters
	11:30 a.m.	Parent/Youth Task Force meeting
	No	Confirmation Class

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister:	Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director:	Mary Sue Moore
Greeters:	Fred and Mary Munson
Ushers:	Scott Diuble, Lilly Diuble, Ron Diuble, Brian Finkbeiner, and Mary Finkbeiner
Acolyte:	Paige Shankland
Blanket Pres.	Bonnie Mitchell and Judy Laberdee's 7th and 8th Grade Sunday School Class
Lay Reader:	Joe Moore
Anthem:	Youth Choir Plus, Directed by Julie Roberts
Child Care:	Michelle Jedele
Altar Flowers:	Given by Jim and Lora Wiedmayer in memory of parents, Raymond & Alice Wiedmayer & Dean Artz

BLANKETS AND MATERIAL AIDS

Church World Service Blankets offerings continue through
February 24th, when they will be dedicated.
Envelopes are in the pews; please make checks out to Bethel Church.

Material Aids Ingathering is the entire month of February
with dedication on March 3rd.

Material Aids include:

School and Health Kits, cancelled postage stamps,
Box Tops for Education, no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses,
pop can tabs, quilts, Little Dresses for Africa, etc.

The Sunday School classes will pack School Kits on February 24th.

Please be as generous as you were last year with your
CWS Blankets offerings, your Kit & other donations.

Copies of items for School & Health Kits are available in the back
of the church and in the Annex.

Annual Spaghetti Supper

Choice Raffle, Silent Auction and entertainment by:



Saturday, February 23, 2019

Dinner served from 5:00-6:30 pm

Voices in Harmony Concert at 7:00 pm

**Voices in Harmony is a 40-member women's
a cappella chorus from Ypsilanti, Michigan
singing contemporary a cappella and barbershop harmony.
Thirty of their group will entertain us with fun
and beautiful music.**

**Youth (13 and up) & Adults: \$9.00
Children ages 5-12: \$7.00; 4 & under free
Families (household of 4 or more): \$30.00**

**Proceeds from this event support
Bethel's Mission projects.**