



Bethel
United
Church
of
Christ

February 17
2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

Sixth 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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Aaron Williams
Arr. by C. Becket

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 86

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

* HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

LANCASHIRE

**We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.**

**He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.**

**We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
And what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.**

INSTRUMENTAL DUET

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick
Arr. by L. Larson

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 13:24–30

Pew Bible, page 794

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 304

Into My Heart

INTO MY HEART

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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. 536

When We Are Living (vs. 1)

SOMOS DEL SENOR

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we are dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:36–43

Pew Bible, page 795

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of

fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

* 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

ALLEGORY OF ALARM

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Frederick Maker

Arr. by R.E. Schram

* 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. 717

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Thanks to Thee, Oh God

Darwin Wolford

* 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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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister:	Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director:	Mary Sue Moore
Greeters:	Bob and Sally DeVol
Ushers:	Dave Herter, Jim Burmeister, Rudy Layher, Fred Munson, and Nate Munson
Acolyte:	Emma Shankland
Lay Reader:	Jean Holder
Instrumental Duet:	Susie Amrhein, Flute; Cathy Moore, Clarinet
Child Care:	Renee St. Charles and Jessica Mann
Altar Flowers:	Given by Emily St. Charles in memory of Tom

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.

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 27	Marie Bauer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Gail Holder	Jean Holder
	Denny Huehl	Rachel Girbach
	Phyllis Meranuck.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Pat Laberdee	Pastor Bucholtz
	Lyle Wahl	Diane Kring
February 3	Glenda Capps	Emily St. Charles
	Irene Jacob.....	Pastor 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.....	
February 17	Family of Linda Ames	Pastor Bucholtz
	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Debbie Farbrother	Nancy Loudin
	Michaela Holmquist and unborn baby	Renee St. Charles
	Alan Kremko	Nancy Loudin

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

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EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship
10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Circle Discussion on Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. Praise Choir rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Feb. 18
Presidents' Day
No Children's Choir rehearsal
No Handbell Choir rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Women's Ensemble rehearsal
- Tues., Feb. 19
9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters
9:00 a.m. Archives Committee meeting
7:15 p.m. Youth Task Force meeting
- Thurs., Feb. 21
5:00 p.m. Spaghetti Supper & Choice Raffle
7:30 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 & Archives committee
11:30 a.m. Parent/Youth Task Force meeting
No Confirmation Class
- Mon., Feb. 25
6:30-7:15 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsal
6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
No Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Feb. 26
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Bethel Quilters
5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor
World Day of Prayer
- Fri., March 1
Sun., March 3
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Material Aids Dedication
10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
4:00 p.m. Youth Ministry meeting
- Mon., March 4
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Praise Choir & Women's Ensemble joint rehearsal

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

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.**