



Bethel
United Church
of Christ

March 3, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship and Sacrament

Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany – Transfiguration of our Lord

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

PRELUDE

Meditation on How Great Thou Art

Stuart Hine
Setting by John Carter

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 99

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name.

Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

For the Lord our God is holy. Holy is our God!

* HYMN NO. 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

ST. DENIO

ANTHEM

God of Wonders

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 16:24–28

Pew Bible, page 798

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down.
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, **in Jesus Christ we behold your transforming light, yet we continue to live in darkness. Preoccupied with ourselves, we fail to see your work in the world. We speak when we should listen; we act when we should reflect. Empower us to live in your light and to walk in your ways for the sake of him who is the light of the world.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

Holy Ground

Geron Davis

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground and I
know that there are an - gels all a - round; let us praise
Je - sus now; we are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly
ground.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-8

Pew Bible, page 798

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face

shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high!

SERMON

SIX DAYS LATER ...

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer

W. Bradbury

Arr. by R.E. Schram

* Response No. 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below,

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This morning we will receive the Lord's Supper in our pews. After being served, please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may consume the elements as individual members of Christ's church united as one body. Please note – the communion cup contains wine except for the inner ring of grape juice; the bread is gluten free.

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN (see insert)

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Oliver Holden
Arr. by Joseph Prentiss

* 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: Mary Girbach and Elaine Creech

Ushers: Patsy Aiken, Kristi Campbell, Shane Neigebauer, and Stacey
Neigebauer

Acolyte: Sydney Jedele

Lay Reader: Bonnie Mitchell

Anthem: Praise Choir, directed by Julie Roberts; accompanied by Judy Fiegel
Percussion, Amanda Eisenmann

Child Care: Victoria St. Charles and Lillian Diuble

Altar Flowers: Given by Dean Amrhein in honor of Susie's birthday and love and
prayers of the congregation

Shine, Jesus, Shine

A D/A A E/A A D/A

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing in the midst of the
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the shad - ows in -
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

A E/A D E/D C#m F#m

dark - ness, shin - ing. Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us;
 to your ra - diance; by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness;
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

D E/D C#m F#m G Esus E

set us free by the truth you now bring us: Shine on me,
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness: Shine on me,
 mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry: Shine on me,

G Esus E A *Refrain* E/A D Bm A/C#

shine on me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this

Bm/D B7/D# Esus E Esus E A E/A D Bm A/C#

land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry. Blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our

Bm/D Bm G Esus E A E/A D Bm A/C# Bm/D B7/D#

hearts on fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

E A E/A D Bm A/C# Bm/D E7 A

grace and mer - cy. Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

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>
February 10	David Bunn	Lori Lobbestael
	Patti Henes	Stacey Neigebauer
	Melvin and Joanne Roehm.....	
	David Jedele	
February 17	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Debbie Farbrother.....	Nancy Loudin
	Michaela Holmquist and unborn baby	Renee St. Charles
	Alan Kremko.....	Nancy Loudin
	Family of Linda Ames	Pastor Bucholtz
February 24	Sonya Beedore.....	Larry Egeler
	Michael Cattran.....	Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger
	Family of Sasha Dumitrache	Renee Casteels
	Gail Holder.....	Jean Holder
	Family of Lucille Loudin	Nancy Loudin
	Mac & Sharon McMurray.....	Emily St. Charles
March 3	Family of Naomi Bommer	
	Janice Clark.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Glenda Capps.....	Emily St. Charles
	Family of Donald Covell	Julia Tobias
	Bea Haeussler.....	Lynn Strobbe
	Jeramy Marzec.....	Jackie Martin
	Mark McCoy.....	Carol Colby
	Family of Michael Smith.....	Betty Schneider
David Wynning.....	Carol Colby	

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
Feb. 24, 2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers..	Betty Jean Harper

EVENTS TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., March 4 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-8:30 p.m. Praise Choir & Women's Ensemble joint rehearsal
- Tues., March 5 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., March 6 **7:30 p.m.** Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service at Bethel
- Sun., March 10 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education meeting
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
 11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus lunch & rehearsal
- Mon., March 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
- Tues., March 12 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., March 13 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Sun., March 3 **3:00 p.m.** Folk Music from Around the World - Dexter
 Community Band at Dexter Center for the
 Performing Arts
- Mon., March 4 **6:00-8:00 p.m.** Reboot Combat Recovery - 12 weeks focusing on the
 spiritual aspects of combat recovery at Community
 Bible Church, Manchester
- Tues., March 5 **6:30 p.m.** Student mental health series film screening, Angst:
 Raising Awareness around Anxiety
- Thurs., March 14 **6:00-8:30 p.m.** 12 week Family-to-Family Educational Program on
 Mental Illness such as major depression, bipolar
 disorder, OCD, PTSD, etc. Register at 734-680-5312

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

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