



Bethel United Church of Christ
July 28, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte
Arr. Janet Vogt

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

INTROIT

I Love You Lord

Laurie Klein

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 25

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

* HYMN NO. 288

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

LOBE DEN HERREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:1–14

(Pg. 956, Pew Bible)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace

from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Merciful God, **you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 494 *They'll Know We Are Christians* (vs. 1 and 4) ST. BRENDAN'S

SECOND LESSON Deuteronomy 30:9–14 (Pg. 163, Pew Bible)

And the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven,

that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

* 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

BEARING FRUIT

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Meditation on “*O Great God*”

By Douglas Wagner

* 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 PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

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. 480

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. John Carter

* 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
July 7	Karen Bellm	Renee St. Charles
	Nancy Bihlmeyer	Pastor Bucholtz
	Family of Jim Fowler	Michelle Jedele
	Marge Lindemann	Mary Beth Baker
	Family of Jan Losee	Michelle Jedele
	Family of Matthew Stautz	Renee St. Charles
	Lyle Wahl.....	Diane Kring
Michael Young.....	Pastor Bucholtz	
July 14	Linda & Rusty Bates	Sula Horodeczny
	Dave Helber.....	Larry Helber
	Rev. John Kennedy	Judy Jahnke
	Family of Gail Mazzaro	Amy Riley
	Mary Sue Moore	Pastor Bucholtz
	Mary Lou Rigg	Judy Mann
	Family of Alice Rossettie.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Jenny Shoemaker.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Family of Jan Woelders	Betty Jean Harper
People of Ridgecrest, CA	Sula Horodeczny	
July 21	Daniel Brook.....	
	Family of Theron Joseph Brooker-Nolan	Marie Cornell
	Lucy Bukis	Renee St. Charles
	Michael Cattran & Cindy Hart	Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger
	Family of Kathy Christensen.....	Emily St. Charles
	Margaret Cummiskey.....	
	Casey & Colleen Dauw and family	Amanda Laberdee
	Denise Davis	
	Family of Jerry Hamm.....	Jody Munson
	Sharon Houston	
	Dixie Kingsbury	
	Stacey Neigebauer	
	Family of Mr. Jack Novodoff.....	Jennifer Heimerdinger
	Jacques Shaninger.....	
Dianna Springer.....	Judy Laberdee	
Barbara Steer	Millie Guenther	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
July 28	Anita Amrhein.....	Susie Amrhein
	Dean Amrhein.....	Susie Amrhein
	Angela Fiegel	Judy Fiegel
	Esther Floyd & family.....	Alison Robison
	Sue Guenther.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Jody Munson & family.....	Alison Robison
	Family of Brenda Bunney Olinger	Elaine Creech
	Family of Terri Sides	Judy Jahnke

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

09/25/2010	GySgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
01/13/2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army.....	
04/03/2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
10/08/2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals	Darlene Kuebler
09/02/2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals	Jody Munson
02/24/2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Betty Jean Harper

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister:	Rev. David Bucholtz
Piano/Organ:	Judy Fiegel
Greeters:	Emily St. Charles and Linda Wolff
Ushers:	David Seeger, Mike Meranuck, Diane Seeger, Tim Seeger, and Jeff Shankland
Acolyte:	Paige Shankland
Lay Reader:	Lori Lobbestael
Child Care:	Cat Meyer
Troait:	Linda Perkins and Jackie Martin
Special Music:	Linda Perkins, cello; Jackie Martin, violin
Altar Flowers:	Given by Millie Guenther in memory of Ted



TODAY AT BETHEL

Camp Talahi Transgender Teen Camp (Ages 13-17) through August 2nd

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., July 29 **6:45 p.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal
 7:45 p.m. Women & Girls Ensemble rehearsal
- Tues., July 30 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Sun., Aug. 4 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Re-Member Lemonade Sunday
 10:30 a.m. Board of Christian Education & Sunday School meeting
- Tues., Aug. 6 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., Aug. 7 **6:45 p.m.** Cabinet meeting - Please have a representative from your group or committee attend
- Sun., Aug. 11 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
- Tues., Aug. 13 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., Aug. 14 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Thurs., Aug. 15 Newsletter articles are due
 11:30 a.m. Women of Bethel Annual Meeting at Diane Seeger's house. Please sign up in the back of the church to bring a salad. Please bring a lawn chair if possible.
- Sat., Aug. 17 **6:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry & families trip to St. Louis Center (7th-12 grade)
- Sun., Aug. 18 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:45 a.m. Memorial Committee meeting
 3:00 p.m. 6th Annual Golf Outing at Rustic Glen Golf Club for Missions Support
- Tues., Aug. 20 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
 7:00 p.m. Hearts & Hands committee meeting
- Sat., Aug. 24 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters reserve Reineck Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Aug. 25 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Mission Team
- Mon., Aug. 26 **7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Aug. 27 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
 9:00 a.m. Archives Committee meeting
 5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Thurs., Aug 1 **5:00 p.m.** Ice Cream Social at Emanuel UCC, Manchester

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Exception: Closed August 22 & 23