

The People of God Gather for Worship

10th 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

Holy Is the Lord

By Franz Schubert
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 119

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,

You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

When I observe your statutes I praise you with an upright heart!

* HYMN NO. 100

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

VOCAL SOLO

Make Me Your Servant, Lord

Music by Lloyd Larson
Words by Ray McCutcheon

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:6-11

(Pg. 598, Pew Bible)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from

my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

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. In your tender love, forgive us by the grace and mercy of your son, Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

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

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:17-29, 43-48 (Pg. 786, Pew Bible)

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

* 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

AN OFFENSIVE MESSAGE

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Our loose offering today will help support the St. Louis Center in Chelsea

Offertory

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

* Response No. 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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. 632

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

You Are My All In All

By Dennis Jernigan
Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

* Indicates those who are able please stand

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Bold Indicates congregational response

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Guest Preacher: Rev. Chris Kurtz
Piano/Organ: Judy Fiegel
Greeters: Bruce, Lori, and Eli Lobbestael
Ushers: Jeff Mann, Bob DeVol, Larry Helber, Jacob Mann, and Vic Mann
Acolyte: Elizabeth Diuble
Lay Reader: Debbie Hibbard
Child Care: Jackie Martin and Cat Meyer
Vocal Soloist: Lou Ann Preston
Offertory: Praise Choir, directed by Julie Roberts
Altar Flowers: Given by Jean Martin in memory of Paul & Marie Herter, and Holly Martin

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Welcome Emanuel UCC!

We are so pleased that our friends in Christ from Emanuel Church, along with their pastor, Rev. Chris Kurtz, are here to join us for worship this morning!

We look forward to visiting Emanuel for our joint worship in Manchester on Sunday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m.

(Please note: there will be no service of worship at Bethel that day)

Emanuel Prayer Requests

Harry Bentz,
Dan Clark (classmate of Jane Finkbeiner)
Richard Cole
Heather Hartmann Feldkamp
Gerald Grossman
Shirley Lowery
Kathy Pieske
Norm Walz
Paul Whelan and parents Ed & Rosemary

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
08/18/2019	MSG Shaw, Nikki, Afghanistan, US Army.....	Nancy Loudin

Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
August 4	Glenda & Johnny Capps	Emily St. Charles
	Family of Larry Carr	Jean Holder
	Dave Helber.....	Larry Helber
	Family and friends of Danny Kaiser	Michelle Jedede
	Joe Kerckhart.....	Marleen Glasser
	Al Kremko	Nancy Loudin
	Sharon & Jim McMurray.....	Emily St. Charles
	Gladys Uphaus.....	Nancy Loudin
August 11	Sue Guenther	Stacey Neigebauer
	Krista Magill.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Anna Masters	Judy & Fred Jahnke
	Mary Sue Moore	Pastor Bucholtz
	Janet Olson.....	Jean Holder
	Joyce Braun Paulsen	Karen Miller
	Family of Dave Stanley.....	Joe Roberts
	Julie Stanley	Julie Roberts
Lyle Wahl.....	Pastor Bucholtz	
August 18	Kaylynn.....	
	Anita Amrhein	Susie Amrhein
	Dean Amrhein	Susie Amrhein
	Cathie Corrado	Kristi Campbell
	Betty DeWolf.....	Betty Schneider
	Family of Clayton Ernst.....	Scott Diuble
	Angela Fiegel.....	Judy Fiegel
	Milly Haeussler	Wendy Payne & Nancy Hieber
	Mackenzie Hill.....	Carol Colby
	Dixie Kingsbury	
	Marge Lindemann	Mary Beth Baker
	Stacey Neigebauer	
	Ron Raab	Renee St. Charles
	Family of Lauren Stanfield.....	Amanda Eisenmann
	Christopher Steele.....	
Family of Gene Turner.....	Susan Mann	

EVENTS TODAY

Welcome Emanuel UCC!

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Mission Team

11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education meeting

3:00 p.m. 6th Annual Golf Outing at Rustic Glen Golf Club for Missions Support

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., Aug. 20 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
Aug. 22 & 23 No office hours
- Sat., Aug. 24 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters reserve Reineck Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Aug. 25 **9:30 a.m. Worship at Emanuel UCC, Manchester**
- Mon., Aug. 26 **6:30 p.m.** Sunday School Music & Christmas Program planning meeting
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
- Sun., Sept. 1 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
- Mon., Sept. 2 *Labor Day*
- Tues., Sept. 3 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
7:00 p.m. Youth Minister Hiring Committee meeting
- Sun., Sept. 8 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off & Coffee Hour sponsored by the
Board of Christian Education
- Mon., Sept. 9 **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Sept. 10 **7:15 p.m.** Youth Task Force meeting
- Wed., Sept. 11 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Sat. Sept. 14 **6:00 p.m.** Yoga with Youth
- Sun., Sept. 15 Newsletter articles are due
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
TBD Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Endowment Committee meeting

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