



**Bethel**  
**United Church of Christ**  
September 1, 2019

# The People of God Gather for Worship and Sacrament

## 12th Sunday after Pentecost – Labor Day

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices

Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

*You Raise Me Up*

By R. Lovland & B. Graham

Arr. by Dan Coates

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

**In all that they do, they prosper; the LORD watches over the way of the righteous!**

\* HYMN NO. 284

*Gather Us In* (vs. 1 – 3)

GATHER US IN

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Can Only Imagine*

Bart Millard

Arr. David T Clydesdale

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Philemon 1:1-9a

(Pg. 970, Pew Bible)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am

bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love.

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 402 *According to Thy Gracious Word* (vs. 1 and 3) DUNDEE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Harry Emerson Fosdick

**O God, come to us, we pray thee, with the resources of thy power, that we may be strong within. We ask not for easy lives, but for adequacy. We ask not to be freed from storms, but to build houses on rock that will not fall. We pray not for a smooth sea, but for a stout ship, a good compass, and a strong heart; in the name thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

*Thy Word*

THY WORD

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (repeat)  
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.  
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (repeat)**

SECOND LESSON

Philemon 1:9b-21

(Pg. 970, Pew Bible)

I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

\* 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

ON BEING USEFUL

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Music by John Wyeth  
Lyrics by Robert Robinson  
Arr. by Robert Schultz

OLD HUNDREDTH

\* Response No. 46      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**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

HYMN NO. 339

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (vs. 1 and 4)

WOODWORTH

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

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and *The Lord's Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte

\* HYMN NO. 330

*Alleluia! Hear God's Story*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Shall We Gather At the River?*

Traditional Spiritual  
Arr. by Lee Evans

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\* 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  
Piano/Organ: Judy Fiegel  
Vocal Soloist: Dan Roehm  
Greeters: Dave and Diane Seeger  
Ushers: Rick Jones, Diana Haft, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson, and  
Lou Ann Preston  
Acolyte: Serenity Spinks  
Lay Reader: Rudy Layher  
Child Care: Patty Lambarth  
Altar Flowers: Given by Mariel Peck in memory of her parents, sister, and brother

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## Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
August 4	Family of Larry Carr .....	Jean Holder
	Dave Helber .....	Larry Helber
	Family and friends of Danny Kaiser .....	Michelle Jedele
	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
	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	

## Bethel Prayer Requests Cont.

September 1	Family of Jim Aitken.....	Renee Casteels
	Family of Shawn Allen .....	Stacy Sheets
	Family of Glenda Capps .....	Emily St. Charles
	Amanda Corwin .....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Goldie Divens.....	Mary Sue Moore
	Family of Louis Essiambre .....	Tammy Wakevainen
	Family of Milly Haeussler .....	Wendy Payne & Nancy Hieber
	Family of Kimal Fuad Khoury.....	Cathy Moore
	Linda Smith.....	

## Prayers For Those Serving Our Country

09/25/2010	GySgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines .....	Lyle Wahl
01/13/2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 <sup>st</sup> 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

## Thank you!

Please welcome soloist, Dan Roehm, who is taking time from his duties at Chelsea United Methodist Church to be a part of our Summer Music program. Thank you, Dan!

## EVENTS TODAY

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
**7:15 p.m.** Youth Task Force meeting
- Wed., Sept. 11 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Sat. Sept. 14 **9:00 a.m.** Friends and Family CPR class  
**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
- Mon., Sept. 16 **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Sept. 17 **8:00 a.m.** World Medical Relief Local Mission Trip. See Cathy Moore if you'd like to join.  
**9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
**7:00 p.m.** Hearts & Hands meeting
- Wed., Sept. 18 **6:30 p.m.** Women of Bethel serving cake and ice cream at St. Louis Center. Sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.
- Sun., Sept. 22 **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Education Sunday - 3rd grade receive Bibles  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**TBD** Confirmation Class
- Mon., Sept. 23 **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Sept. 24 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
**9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting  
**5:00 p.m.** Vespers at First Baptist Church

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