

Bethel United Church of Christ
September 15, 2019



The People of God Gather for Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost – Education Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian* Traditional Spiritual
Arr. John Carter

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

* HYMN NO. 90 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

ANTHEM *Worthy, You Are Worthy* Don Moen
Arr. Mary McDonald

TIME WITH CHILDREN AND AWARDING OF 3rd GRADE BIBLES

FIRST LESSON Acts 16:16–24 (Pg. 900, Pew Bible)

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the

magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus, the
5 great - ness of ___ mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry,
9 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," and we cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly," and we cry,
13 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb." ___

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Blessed One, you created human beings for your glory and pleasure. Forgive us for being self-absorbed and choosing to live solely for ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring the prompting of your Spirit, your purpose for our lives, and for placing our will above yours. Grant us courage to share in Christ's sufferings, to be his witnesses, and to carry your loving compassion to a hurting world.

SILENT CONFESSION



O - ver the moun - tains and the sea Your riv - er runs with love for me,



and I will o - pen up my heart and let the Heal - er set me free. I'm hap - py



to be in the truth and I will dai - ly lift my hands, for I will al - ways sing of



when Your love came down.



I could sing of Your love___ for - ev - er. I could sing of Your love



___ for - ev - er - . I could sing of Your love___ for - ev - er.



I could sing of Your love - for - ev - er - .

SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:25-34

(Pg. 901, Pew Bible)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the

prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

* 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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

First Arabesque

Claude Debussy

* 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

COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, LEADERS, AND HELPERS

Pastor: “By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Sunday School Teachers, Leaders, and Helpers: Gracious God, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Pastor: A candle once lit, can spread the light to other candles. The light grows and grows.

Congregation: May God give you deep love for each child or youth in your care. May your compassion and welcome make God's love real to each one.

Pastor: A lantern once lit should not be hidden but should give light to all.

Congregation: May God's word reach your heart as you prepare your sessions. May you share the gift of God's story with children and youth.

Pastor: God created the sun to call forth growth and life on earth.

Congregation: May Sunday school be a time of discovery, sharing, and growing together. May we follow Jesus, who guides our feet into the way of peace.

Sunday School Teachers, Leaders, and Helpers: Blessed Christ, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Pastor: Go forth knowing that God's light shines through you and that God is with you.

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. 110

You Servants of God (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

HANOVER

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bernard
Arr. Edwin McLean

* 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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COVER ART: 2019-2020 SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM "SHINE"

Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
August 18	Kaylynn	
	Anita Amrhein.....	Susie Amrhein
	Dean Amrhein.....	Susie Amrhein
	Cathie Corrado	Kristi Campbell
	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
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
	Vickie Jakeway.....	Kristi Campbell
	Family of Kimal Fuad Khoury.....	Cathy Moore
	Linda Smith.....	
	Barbara Steer	Millie Guenther
Kelsey Woodman.....	Carol Colby	
September 8	Kathy Baetens	Nancy Loudin
	Eldean & Marie Bauer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Chris Brooks.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Brad Roberts.....	Patsy Aiken
	Victims of Hurricane Dorian	Pastor Bucholtz

Bethel Prayer Requests Cont.

September 15	Family of Shirley Grimm.....	Joyce Guenther
	Don Hieber.....	Nancy Hieber
	Larry McGee.....	Kristi Campbell
	Joyce Braun Paulsen	Karen Miller
	Samantha Shane.....	Isabel Bucholtz
	Denny Steele	Darlene Kuebler
	Scott Stockwell	Darlene Kuebler
	Ron Wild	Scott Diuble
	Jean Williams.....	Amy Riley

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister:	Rev. David Bucholtz
Piano/Organ:	Judy Fiegel
Anthem:	Senior Choir, directed by Julie Roberts
Greeters:	Tim and Danica Seeger, Emma and Elliot
Ushers:	Scott Diuble, Lilly Diuble, Ron Diuble, Brian Finkbeiner, and Mary Finkbeiner
Acolyte:	Emma Shankland
Lay Reader:	Alison Robison
Child Care:	Michelle Jedele and Abigail Diuble



EVENTS TODAY

Newsletter articles are due

9:30 a.m. Worship - Education Sunday - 3rd grade receive Bibles

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:45 a.m. Praise Choir rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Sept. 16 **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Sept. 17 World Medical Relief Local Mission Trip **cancelled**

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

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. 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

Wed., Sept. 25 **7:00 p.m.** Vitality meeting

Sat., Sept. 28 Reineck Fellowship Hall is reserved

9:00 a.m. Quilts of Valor in the basement assembly room

IN THE COMMUNITY

Fri., Sept. 27 **5:00-7:00 p.m.** Burger Time Fundraiser for the Manchester Cheerleaders at Manchester United Methodist Church

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

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BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 29, 2019

We invite you to bring your animal(s) for a blessing on September 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. on Bethel's east lawn. Feel free to bring a photo if your animal can't attend. For everyone's safety, all cats, dogs, horses, cows, reptiles, and birds must be restrained by a halter, leash, carrier, or stock trailer. Also, please be aware that no animals will be allowed inside the church or social hall.

*We are a friendly, animal-loving congregation. All species are welcome.
We do not discriminate based on the number of legs, wings, or scales.*



**ENDING
HUNGER**
ONE STEP
AT A TIME

CROP HUNGER WALK

**The 24th ANNUAL
MANCHESTER AREA CROP HUNGER WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.**

1:00 p.m. Registration - 1:30 p.m. Walk
Manchester United Methodist Church
501 Ann Arbor Street, Manchester, MI

Here's how you can help:

- Obtain a **WALKER ENVELOPE** from Mary Sue Moore AND participate in the 1 or 3 mile walking routes
- Support a walker
- Take part in the “**CROP Rock.**” Rocking chairs provided!
- Give online crophungerwalk.org/manchestermi & look for the Bethel Church team

Mary Sue will give any Sunday School child or youth that walks a \$5.00 “Monkey Bucks” voucher redeemable for \$5.00 for their Walker Envelope if they walk in the CROP Hunger Walk.