

AND NOW
THESE 3
REMAIN
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
BUT THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
LOVE.

Bethel
United
Church
of Christ

September 22
2019

1 Cor. 13:13

The People of God Gather for Worship

15th 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

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds
Setting by D.E. Wagner

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 71

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you!

* HYMN NO. 64

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

ELLACOMBE

ANTHEM

Soul on Fire

Brown, Powell, Anderson, Carr, Lee & Maher

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Acts 18:1–18a

(Pg. 902, Pew Bible)

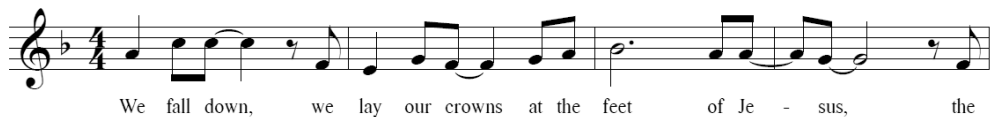
After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince

Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshiper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people." He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. They said, "This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law." Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters." And he dismissed them from the tribunal. Then all of them seized Sosthenes, the official of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of these things. After staying there for a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin



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

RESPONSE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Martin Smith



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

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

(Pg. 934, Pew Bible)

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

* 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

THE GIFT OF LOVE

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Adagio from Sonata da Chiesa (Church Sonata)

Archangelo Corelli

* 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. 526

The Gift of Love

O WALY WALY

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Living for Christ

Lani Smith

* 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

Piano: Judy Fiegel

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

Greeters: Kristi Campbell, Jordan & Collin

Ushers: Dave Herter, Jim Burmeister, Rudy Layher, Fred Munson, and Nate Munson

Acolyte: Peyton Klein

Lay Reader: Diane Kring

Child Care: Jill Corwin and Jessica Mann

Altar Flowers: Given by Irma Weidmayer in memory of Armin and in celebration of Gary Weidmayer's birthday



Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
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
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 & Mary Finkbeiner
Jean Williams	Amy Riley	

Bethel Prayer Requests Cont.

September 22	Family & friends of Grady Edwards	Carol Colby
	Barb Eversole	Stacey Neigebauer
	Travis Farr	Katie Farr
	Family of Jennifer Lynn Griffin.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Bob Gross	Stacey Neigebauer
	Judy Jedele.....	
	Dixie Kingsbury	
	Bob Kusek.....	Millie Guenther
	Kenneth Mshar.....	
	Evan Pauley.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Ron & Jan Raab.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Mary Lou Rigg.....	Judy Mann
	Julie Stanley.....	Julie Roberts
	Family of Pat Vitale	Jody Feldkamp

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

Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas Program planning committee is in need of
6-10 clear 2-liter pop bottles with caps by October 6th.
Please take down to the basement assembly room.



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.