



*The love of Christ,
which passeth
knowledge*

Ephesians, 3. 19

Bethel
United Church of Christ

September 29, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

16th 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

Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith

Forrest Hill

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Ephesians 3

We bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

We pray that, according to the riches of his glory, we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit.

We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth;

To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

* HYMN NO. 66

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

ST. DENIO

SOLO

Jesus Paid It All

E.M. Hall & J.T. Grape

Arr. by Robert Sterling

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Acts 18:1–3, 18–23 (GNB)

(Pg. 902, Pew Bible)

After this, Paul left Athens and went on to Corinth. There he met a Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, for the Emperor Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and stayed and worked with them, because he earned his living by making tents, just as they did. Paul stayed on with the believers in Corinth for many days, then left them and sailed off with Priscilla and Aquila for Syria. Before sailing from Cenchreae he had his head shaved because of a vow he had taken. They arrived in Ephesus, where Paul left Priscilla and Aquila. He went into the synagogue and held discussions with the Jews. The people asked him to stay longer, but he would not consent. Instead, he told them as he left, “If

it is the will of God, I will come back to you.” And so he sailed from Ephesus. When he arrived at Caesarea, he went to Jerusalem and greeted the church, and then went to Antioch. After spending some time there, he left and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the believers.

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

Sarum Primer

Dear Lord, to you whose mercy is greater than our sin we pray: God be in my head an in my understanding; God be in my eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my thinking; God be at my end and at my departing, by the grace and goodness of Jesus Christ.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 32

Sing Hallelujah

SING HALLELUJAH

**Sing hallelujah to the Lord. Sing hallelujah to the Lord.
 Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah to the Lord.**

SECOND LESSON

Acts 18:24–28 (GNB)

(Pg. 903, Pew Bible)

At that time a Jew named Apollos, who had been born in Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent speaker and had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the Way of the Lord, and with great enthusiasm he proclaimed and

taught correctly the facts about Jesus. However, he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home with them and explained to him more correctly the Way of God. Apollos then decided to go to Achaia, so the believers in Ephesus helped him by writing to the believers in Achaia, urging them to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who through God's grace had become believers. For with his strong arguments he defeated the Jews in public debates by proving from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Messiah.

* 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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Petite Allemande

Garrett Parker

* 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. 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Praise to God, the Father

Franklin Ritter

* 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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Acolyte: Elizabeth Diuble
Lay Reader: Betty Jean Harper
Child Care: Kristi Campbell and Garrett Corwin
Altar Flowers: Given by Paul and Jennifer Heimerdinger in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

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Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
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	
September 22	Family & friends of Grady Edwards.....	Carol Colby
	Barb Eversole	Stacey Neigebauer
	Travis Farr.....	Katie Farr & Alison Robison
	Family of Jennifer Lynn Griffin	Betty Jean Harper
	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	
September 29	Kaylynn Campbell	Renee St. Charles
	Ed Emery	Susan Mann
	Robert Fiegel	Peggy Diuble
	Mary Knapp.....	Joyce Guenther
	Karen Watne.....	Lou Ann Preston

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

EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by Youth Ministry & Archives
- 11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 11:45 a.m. Sunday School Teacher's meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Sept. 30 **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Oct. 1 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., Oct. 2 **5:00 p.m.** Women of Bethel serve Mill Pond Manor meal
 7:15 p.m. Christian Educator Hiring Committee meeting
- Sat., Oct. 5 **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Quilts of Valor in Reineck Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Alpha House family shelter
- Sun., Oct. 6 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:30 a.m. Confirmation class
 1:00 p.m. Crop Walk Registration, Walk begins at 1:30 p.m.
- Mon., Oct. 7 **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Oct. 8 **8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** World Medical Relief local mission trip
 9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Fri., Oct. 4 **6:00-9:00 p.m.** Oktoberfest at Bethlehem UCC, Ann Arbor - details on bulletin board.

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

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

Today, September 29, 2019



We invite you to bring your animal(s) for a blessing today 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.*

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 Walk.