



Bethel  
United Church of  
Christ  
September 8, 2019

# The People of God Gather for Worship

## 13th 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

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

Daniel B. Towner  
Arr. Lyndell Leatherman

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 30

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

\* HYMN NO. 17

*O Worship the King* (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

LYONS

SPECIAL MUSIC

*From a Distance*

Julie Gold

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-9

(Pg. 893, Pew Bible)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because

they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*We Fall Down*

Chris Tomlin

**We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.  
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.  
And we cry holy, holy, holy; We cry holy, holy, holy;  
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!**

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

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Jason Ingram / Stuart Garrard / Meredith Andrews

**Over the mountains and the sea, your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart, and let the healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands:  
For I will always sing of when your love came down.**

**I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever,  
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever.**

SECOND LESSON

Acts 9:10-20

(Pg. 893, Pew Bible)

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias

went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of 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

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

*In The Garden*

C. Austin Miles/Arr Stan Pethel

\* 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. 77

*On Eagle's Wings* (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

By George F Root  
Arr. Mark Hayes

\* 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: Marsha Chartrand  
Greeters: Chad and Paula Wagenschutz, Peyton, Mallory, & Karsyn Klein  
Ushers: Duane Kuebler, Darryl Kuebler, Ryan Mann, Tom Mann, and  
Cathy Moore  
Acolyte: Paige Shankland  
Lay Reader: Ava Goff  
Child Care: Renee St. Charles and Jordan Campbell  
Altar Flowers: Given by Gene and Sandy DeRossett for sister's birthday

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## Bethel Prayer Requests

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
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	
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

## Bethel Prayer Requests Cont.

September 8	Kathy Baetens .....	Nancy Loudin
	Eldean & Marie Bauer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Chris Brooks.....	Betty Jean Harper
	Shirley Grimm.....	Joyce Guenther
	Brad Roberts.....	Patsy Aiken
	Victims of Hurricane Dorian.....	Pastor Bucholtz

## 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

## Welcome Marsha Chartrand

Please welcome guest soloist, Marsha Chartrand, who is taking time from her responsibilities at her church, the Clinton United Church of Christ, to be a part of our morning worship.  
Thank you, Marsha!

## ThankScriping Day is September 12

Mark your calendar because ThankScriping Day is coming Thursday, September 12. You can earn up to 21% on a great number of eGift cards and reloads just in time for fall shopping by accessing [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com). You must have an online account to take advantage of these special earnings on eGift cards and reloads to your physical cards. If you have previously ordered SCRIP cards, then you have an account with [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com). Check with Cathy Moore or Bonnie Mitchell for questions. All earnings are deposited into the Bethel Mission Account. Thanks!

## EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off & Coffee Hour sponsored by the Board of Christian Education  
11:45 a.m. Confirmation organizational meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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  
Thurs., Sept. 12   **6:45 p.m.** Memorial Committee 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  
                         **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      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 - Education Sunday - 3rd grade receive Bibles  
                         **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
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

Rehearsal and singing dates for the Youth Choir Plus and Praise Choir are still in the planning stages.

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