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# The People of God Gather for Worship

## 19<sup>th</sup> 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 *God Leads Us Along* G.A. Young/Arr. by L. Leatherman

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

\* HYMN NO. 4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (vs. 1-3) NICAEA

ANTHEM *Holy Spirit* Bryan & Katie Torwalt

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 24:18–25:21 (selected verses) (Pg. 313, Pew Bible)

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he began to reign; he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, just as Jehoiakim had done. Indeed, Jerusalem and Judah so angered the Lord that he expelled them from his presence. Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and laid siege to it; they built siege works against it all around. So the city was besieged until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine became so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city wall; the king with all the soldiers fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden, though the Chaldeans were all around the city. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; all his army was scattered, deserting him. Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, who passed sentence on him. Then they bound him in fetters and took him to Babylon. Then the captain of the guard carried into exile the rest of the people who were left in the city and the deserters who had defected to the king of Babylon – all the rest of the population. The bronze pillars that were in the house of the Lord, as well as the stands and the bronze sea that were in the house of the Lord, the

Chaldeans broke in pieces, and carried the bronze to Babylon. What was made of gold the captain of the guard took away for the gold, and what was made of silver, for the silver. So Judah went into exile out of its land.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*We Fall Down*

Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus, the  
great - ness of \_\_\_ mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry,  
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," and we cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly," and we cry,  
"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

1 Peter 1:1–9

(Pg. 983, Pew Bible)

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

\* 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

UNDER SIEGE

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

*Chanson Céleste*

Lani Smith

\* 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. 632

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

J. Zundel/Arr. by P. Benjamin

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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

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Anthem: Praise Choir; piano, Judy Fiegel; guitar, Julie Roberts;  
percussion, Amanda Eisenmann

Greeters: Eric and Tiffany Lobbestael

Ushers: Jean Martin, Amanda Eisenmann, Mary Girbach, Betty Jean Harper, and  
Cathy Koefoed-Smith

Acolyte: Siera Jedele

Lay Reader: Jeff Elliott

Child Care: Stacy Sheets and Collin Campbell

Altar Flowers: Given by Jackie Martin to celebrate Jason Smith's completion of training  
with Pittsfield Township Police Department.



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## COME BE A DEMENTIA FRIEND

A Dementia Friend information session provides insight on the difficulties that our friends and neighbors who are living with dementia face, making their way in their daily lives in the community – and how ordinary people, not just caregivers, can help make life less difficult, more friendly, for them. We'll also discuss ways we can help make life less difficult for the caregivers of persons living with dementia.

The free one-hour session will be presented by Jim Mangi, a certified Dementia Champion, and Chair of Dementia Friendly Saline, and assisted by Marie Young, LNHA, Executive Director, Brecon Village, EHM Senior Solutions.

October 29, 7 p.m.  
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## BETHEL PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
September 29	Kaylynn Campbell .....	Renee St. Charles
	Robert Fiegel .....	Peggy Diuble
	Mary Knapp.....	Joyce Guenther
	Karen Watne.....	Lou Ann Preston
October 6	David Angler .....	Betty Jean Harper
	Karen Auten .....	The Desbroughs
	Kathy Brafford.....	
	Family of Michael Cattran.....	Jennifer & Paul Heimerdinger
	Sandy Clark.....	
	Eric Davis .....	Duane Kuebler
	Joann Finkbeiner.....	Mary Sue Moore
	Family of Alice Goltz.....	Jean Holder
	Cynthia Hart .....	Jennifer & Paul Heimerdinger
	Family of Kathy Kirkpatrick.....	Shirley Haeussler
	Family of Clancy Reynolds.....	Jean Holder
Issac Stiver .....		
Lenawee Christian School .....	Pastor Bucholtz	

## BETHEL PRAYER REQUESTS Cont.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
October 13	Sue Ellen (Vogel) Andrews .....	Betty Schneider
	Susan Armour.....	Mary Beth Baker
	Marie Bauer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Marie Bowker .....	Michelle Jedede
	Dianne Bowman .....	Duane Kuebler
	Family of Ed Emery .....	Millie Guenther
	Travis Farr.....	Katie Farr
	Gordon Grossman.....	Earl & Doris Roehm
	Paul Heimerdinger.....	Emily St. Charles
	Larry Henes.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Carl Kemner .....	Earl & Doris Roehm
	Family of Janet Olson .....	Jean Holder
	Charles and Valorie Stefek.....	Renee St. Charles
	Nicole Tuttle.....	Michelle Jedede
	Virginia Vogel.....	Betty Schneider
	Linda Wolff.....	St. Charles Family
October 20	Dona Aras .....	Susan Luckhardt
	Jeffrey Boyd .....	Betty Jean Harper
	Grace Schenk Bradley .....	Betty Jean Harper
	Shelly Braun.....	Jean Holder
	Andrew Campbell.....	Angie Diuble
	Wilma Greene.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Family of Jean Little .....	Mary Sue Moore
	Dr. Denis Robison.....	Alison & Jim Robison
	Brenda Schettenhelm.....	Cathy Moore
	Jesse Wilcox.....	Judy Jahnke
	Reid Winter.....	Diuble Family
	Lisa Wolff.....	Renee St. Charles

## 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

## EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship  
**10:30 a.m.** Sauerkraut Supper tickets on sale in the Reineck Fellowship Hall  
**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
**11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Oct. 21           **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal  
                              **7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Oct. 22           **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
                              **5:00 p.m.** Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor
- Fri., Oct. 25            **4:30 p.m.** Bethel Sauerkraut Supper
- Sun., Oct. 27            **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Harvest Sunday  
                              **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
                              **10:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour sponsored by the Sauerkraut Supper Committee  
                              **11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class
- Mon., Oct. 28           **9:00-11:00 a.m.** Women of Bethel cleaning day
- Tues., Oct. 29           **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
                              **9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting  
                              **7:00 p.m.** A Dementia Friend information session at Bethel
- Sat., Nov. 2            **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Quilts of Valor in the Reineck Fellowship Hall  
                              **10:00 a.m.** Private Baptism
- Sun., Nov. 3            *Daylight Saving Time ends*  
                              **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Stewardship Kick-off  
                              **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
                              **11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class
- Tues., Nov. 5            **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Sat., Nov. 9            **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Quilts of Valor  
                              **11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Basement assembly room is reserved
- Sun., Nov. 10           **9:30 a.m.** Worship  
                              **10:30 a.m.** Sunday School  
                              **10:30 a.m.** Quilts of Valor Coffee Hour  
                              **11:00 a.m.** Board of Christian Education meeting  
                              **11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class
- Mon., Nov. 11           *Veteran's Day*
- Tues., Nov. 12           **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., Nov. 13           **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- Thurs., Nov. 7           **5:00-6:30 p.m.** Turkey Dinner & Bake Sale at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter
- Fri., Nov. 8            **10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Star Bazaar at Bethlehem UCC, Ann Arbor

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