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The People of God Gather for Worship

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – Veterans Day

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

PRELUDE

Variants on St. Anne

Croft/Arr. by R.A. Williamson

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 127

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that we rise up early and go late to sleep, eating the bread of anxious toil.

For it is God who gives rest to his beloved!

* HYMN NO. 21

Let the Whole Creation Cry

LLANFAIR

ANTHEM

Write Your Word Upon My Heart

Words: J. Parker III

Music: L. Larson

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Ezra 1:1–8, 11b; 2:1, 68–70

(Pg. 366, Pew Bible)

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared: “Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.” The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the Lord that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. King Cyrus of Persia had them released into the charge of the treasurer, who counted them out to the prince of Judah. All these were brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem. Now these were the people of the province

who came from those captive exiles whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had carried captive to Babylonia; they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, all to their own towns. As soon as they came to the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, some of the heads of families made freewill offerings for the house of God, to erect it on its site. According to their resources they gave to the building fund sixty-one thousand darics of gold, five thousand minas of silver, and one hundred priestly robes.

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

God of amazing grace, you have asked us to give of ourselves, wholly and completely. We have heard your call and often respond with great affirmation and joy. Yet there are times when we fall short. Times when we forget. Times when we focus on the wrong things. Times when we put our money and our resources into our earthly possessions and not into a church that you have created and blessed. Help us to trust, O God. Help us to give through that trust. Help us to be blessed by that trust. In Jesus name. Amen.

A TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 259

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

SECOND LESSON

Ezra 3:1, 3, 6–7, 10–11

(Pg. 367, Pew Bible)

When the seventh month came, and the Israelites were in the towns, the people gathered together in Jerusalem. They set up the altar on its foundation, because they were in dread of the neighboring peoples, and they offered burnt offerings upon it to the Lord, morning and evening. From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings to the Lord. But the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sidonians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant that they had from King Cyrus of Persia. When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the Lord with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel; and they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, “For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel.” And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

* 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

FREEWILL OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Ave Verum (O Loving Savior)

C. Gounod/Arr. by F. Asper

* 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

LITANY IN RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

One: For the men and women who have served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: For veterans who came home but could no longer fit in with their families or communities,

People: **We ask your blessing.**

One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all our people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who gave us these words of hope and assurance:

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.

Honoring Bethel's Veterans with Quilts of Valor

Glenn Haeussler	Ron Wild	Gary Weidmayer	Herbert Roehm
Fred Munson	Ron Mann	Larry Desbrough	Harvey Luckhardt
Ray Goff	Lyle Wahl	Larry Aiken	Russel Hieber
Eldean Bauer	David Simmons	Stephen Carson	John Heuser
Bill Martin	David Roehm	Tom Golka	Susan Brus Guenther
Earl Roehm	David Seeger	Larry Helber	Kelly Diuble
Jim Robison	Vic Mann	Jim Wiedmayer	Anthony Colby

* HYMN NO. 725 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* NATIONAL HYMN

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Laudate Dominum"* C.H.H. Parry
Arr. by E. Broughton

* 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

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BETHEL PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
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	
October 27	Kate Boynton	Becky Mann
	Family of Alisa King.....	Denise Davis
	Julie Stanley.....	Julie Roberts
	Sebastian Tyll family.....	
November 3	Eldean Bauer	
	Ray Bihn	Nancy Loudin
	Nelda Edwards.....	Carol Colby
	Greg Glasser.....	Marleen Glasser
	Family of Mary Lou Rigg	Bonnie Mitchell
	John Weir.....	Carol Colby
November 10	Sue Ellen (Vogel) Andrews	Betty Schneider
	Marie Bauer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Dianne Bowman	Duane Kuebler
	Doug Brook.....	
	Marsha Brook.....	
	Tom Burch.....	Victoria St. Charles
	Travis Farr	Katie Farr
	Dixie Kingsbury.....	
	Liam Landini	Cathy Moore
	Ryan McFarland.....	Renee St. Charles
	Virginia Vogel.....	Betty Schneider
	Linda Wolff	St. Charles Family

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

09/25/2010 GySgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines Lyle Wahl
01/13/2013 Zachary Steelman, 101st 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
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Anthem: Senior Choir, directed by Julie Roberts
Greeters: Mike Meranuck and Hayleigh
Ushers: Lori Tursak, Jeff Elliott, Debbie Hibbard, John Heuser, and Joe Roberts
Acolyte: Mallory Klein
Lay Reader: Jean Holder
Child Care: Michelle Jedele and Jessica Mann
Altar Flowers: Given by Mariel Peck in memory of Doug and in support of all who have loved ones with dementia.



Church Photo Directory



BETHEL CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Please sign up to get your family and individual pictures taken for the Bethel Church pictorial directory. Available time slots are listed outside the church office. If you are unable to make it work with your schedule, please contact the church office. Thank you!

SAY CHEESE!



EVENTS TODAY

Hat & Mitten Tree donations in the basement assembly room

- 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
- 11:00 a.m.** Sauerkraut Supper follow-up meeting in Reineck Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class (Church Library)
- 11:45 a.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 11

Veteran's Day

6:45 p.m. Praise Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 12

9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters

7:15 p.m. Youth Task Force meeting

Wed., Nov. 13

6:45 p.m. Church Board meeting

Fri., Nov. 15

Newsletter articles are due

Sat. Nov. 16 **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Cookie Bake

5:30 p.m. Alpha House Family Shelter

6:00 p.m. Diuble Family Vision Fundraiser

Sun., Nov. 17

9:30 a.m. Worship - Stewardship Dedication

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Women of Bethel

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Pictures for the Bethel Church Pictorial Directory

11:30 a.m. Confirmation Class

11:45 a.m. Youth Choir Plus lunch & rehearsal

Mon., Nov. 18

5:30-8:00 p.m. Pictures for the Bethel Church Pictorial Directory

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 19

9:00 a.m. Bethel Quilters

5:30-8:00 p.m. Pictures for the Bethel Church Pictorial Directory

Wed., Nov. 20

5:30-8:00 p.m. Pictures for the Bethel Church Pictorial Directory

Sat., Nov. 23 **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Cookie Bake

Sun., Nov. 24

9:30 a.m. Worship - Totenfest (Memorial Sunday)

10:30 a.m. Advent Workshop with lunch provided

IN THE COMMUNITY

Sun., Nov. 24

3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Fall Music Festival
at Sharon United Methodist Church

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