



*Rise up,
take
courage,
and do it.*

EZRA 10:4

The People of God Gather for Worship

23rd 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

W.M. Runyan
Setting by D.E. Wagner

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

The LORD has made known his victory;

He has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

* HYMN NO. 272

The Church's One Foundation (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

AURELLIA

ANTHEM

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

Imboden and Rhoton

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Ezra 4:1-5

(Pg. 368, Pew Bible)

When the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the returned exiles were building a temple to the LORD, the God of Israel, they approached Zerubbabel and the heads of families and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we worship your God as you do, and we have been sacrificing to him ever since the days of King Esar of Assyria who brought us here." But Zerubbabel, Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of families in Israel said to them, "You shall have no part with us in building a house to our God; but we alone will build to the LORD, the God of Israel, as King Cyrus of Persia has commanded us." Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and made them afraid to build, and they bribed officials to frustrate their plan throughout the reign of King Cyrus of Persia and until the reign of King Darius of Persia.

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Haggai 2:1-9; Ezra 6:13-22

(Pg. 768; 370, Pew Bible)

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in

your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Then, according to the word sent by King Darius, the governor of the province Beyond the River and their associates did with all diligence what King Darius had ordered. So the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of the prophet Haggai. They finished their building by command of the God of Israel and by decree of Cyrus, Darius, and King Artaxerxes of Persia; and this house was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius. The people of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the returned exiles, celebrated the dedication of this house of God with joy. On the fourteenth day of the first month the returned exiles kept the Passover. With joy they celebrated the festival of unleavened bread seven days; for the LORD had made them joyful and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, so that he aided them in the work on the house of God, the God of Israel.

* 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

WE WILL – WITH THE HELP OF GOD

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Sarabande

Jacques Champion de Chambonnières

* 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

A STEWARDSHIP LITANY ¹

Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to make stewardship a way of life with God.
Because of our faith in You, O Lord...

...we acknowledge You as the source of all that we have and all that we are.
Help us to place You, our loving Creator, first in our lives...

**... by becoming more prayerful and more focused on loving and caring for our
families and our neighbors in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with
material things.**

Help us, Lord to find the true source of happiness and fulfillment that we all seek...

...and that You, alone, can provide.
Help us to hear Your call to be good stewards of all Your gifts...

...by sharing them for Your purposes.

Help us make Your priorities ...

...our priorities.
Help us challenge each other, as disciples of Jesus Christ...

...to put our faith into action.
Let us pray, that as good stewards, as we plan the things in our lives that are most
important to us...

...Lord, help us plan ways to share our time with those in need.

Help us plan ...
...how to "give back" the talents with which we have been blessed.

Help us plan...
...how to share our treasure to do Your work.

Our planning and sharing...
**...demonstrate the great importance that You and the truth of the Gospel has
in our lives.**

Help us plan...
... to serve our church, our community, and our world with Your Gifts.

Let us pray that we will share in proportion to what has been given us. Help us, Lord...

...return a portion of all You have given us.

We do this, O Lord, as a sign of our love...

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...and in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

We offer not only the “first fruits” of our financial resources...

...but a generous portion of our time and talent as well.

Help us to give in proportion...

...according to what You have given us.

And as we give...

...help us put our trust, security, and faith in You.

As good Christian Stewards...

...it is always and forever our joy to say:

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. 275

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C

John Rundel/Arr. by M. Ryan

* 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 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
November 17	John Bower.....	Michelle Jedele
	Bonnie Halliday & Family	Michelle Jedele
	Jennifer Heimerdinger.....	Paul Heimerdinger
	Family of Ivy Reed	Alison Robison
	Melissa Samonek.....	Nancy Loudin
	Lilly Samonek	Nancy Loudin
	Luther Schiable	Lyle Wahl

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister:	Rev. David Bucholtz	
Music Director:	Mary Sue Moore	
Anthem:	Praise Choir; Director Julie Roberts; Accompanist, Judy Fiegel; Percussion, Amanda Eisenmann	
Greeters:	Jeff and Becky Mann, Jessica & Jacob	
Ushers:	Rick Jones, Diana Haft, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson, and Lou Ann Preston	
Acolyte:	Evelyn St. Charles	
Lay Reader:	Lisa Novess	
Child Care:	Kristi Campbell	
Altar Flowers:	Given by Ray and Ava Goff in honor of their anniversary	

Church Photo Directory



BETHEL CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures begin today! 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

9:30 a.m. Worship - Stewardship Dedication

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

10:30-11:45 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Youth Choir Plus lunch & rehearsal

12:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Program filming at the Cornell farm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Pictures for the Bethel Church Pictorial Directory

Sun., Nov. 24 **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Totenfest (Memorial Sunday)

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

Mon., Nov. 25 **6:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., Nov. 26 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters

5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor

Sat., Nov. 30 **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Cookie Bake

Sun., Dec. 1 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion

Tues., Dec. 3 **6:30 p.m.** Advent by Candlelight

Thurs., Dec. 5 **7:30 p.m.** Christian Ed Hiring Committee meeting

IN THE COMMUNITY

Wed., Nov. 20 **2:00-2:30 p.m.** Washtenaw County S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Training at Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center. (734) 433-8000

Sun., Nov. 24 **3:00 p.m.** Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Fall Music Festival at Sharon United Methodist Church

Thurs., Nov. 28 **11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea. Registration required, space is limited. (734) 475-9242

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