



Bethel United Church of Christ

November 24, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

24th Sunday after Pentecost - Totenfest

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

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE *With the Saints of Glory Shining* Edward Broughton

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

PSALM OF THE DAY From Revelation 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals.”

“He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.”

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

* HYMN NO. 709 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIAN HYMN

ANTHEM *Give Me Jesus with Steal Away to Jesus* Trad. Scriptures
Arr. by Schram

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Nehemiah 7:73b-8:3, 5-6, 8-10

Pew Bible, page 379

When the seventh month came - the people of Israel being settled in their towns - all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law; and Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Je - sus, the

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great - ness of — mer - cy and love at the feet of Je - sus. And we cry,

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"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," and we cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly," and we cry,

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"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lamb." —

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, **in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We pray that we too may be worthy witnesses for you, even as we confess our failures in the attempt, admitting these now before you in the silence of our hearts.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 638

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (verse 1)

PROMISE

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 5:1–14 (NASB)

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men and women from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.

* 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

A TALE OF TWO BOOKS

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

God Himself Is with Us

Joachim Neander

Arr. by Broughton

* Response No. 46

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN NO. 648

Some There Are Who by Their Living (vs. 1 and 3)

BEACH SPRING

(Alt. Tune)

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE (see insert)

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. 637

For All the Saints (vs. 1, 3, and 5)

SINE NOMINE

* BENEDICTION

* 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

Greeters: Nate and Jody Munson

Ushers: Duane Kuebler, Klara Kuebler, Ryan Mann, Tom Mann, and
Cathy Moore

Anthem: Senior Choir; directed by Julie Roberts

Acolyte: Siera Jedele

Lay Reader: Catherine Roberts

Child Care: Victoria St. Charles and Lillian Diuble

Altar Flowers: Given in memory of Vic and Milly Haeussler



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CELEBRATION OF TOTENFEST

Throughout Christian history, the church has remembered and celebrated the lives of faithful people who have died. Totenfest (German, for Festival for the Dead) is a distinctive practice that grows out of the Evangelical tradition of the United Church of Christ. Totenfest is a special time of remembrance and underscores the importance of remaining connected to our deceased loved ones.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; they rest from their labors, and their deeds do follow them
(Revelation 14:13).

GIFTS GIVEN TO BETHEL CHURCH IN MEMORIAL

Library/conference room furniture given by Mariel Peck in memory of Doug
Flat screen TV for library/conference room given in memory of Leon Trinkle

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

We remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

We remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

We remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

We remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

We remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

We remember them.

When we are weary and in the need of strength,

We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart,

We remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

We remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us, and in your kingdom, Lord –

- Adapted from *A Jewish Prayer*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Naomi Bommer Milly Haeussler
Allan Carson Betty Suhre
Shirley Grimm Leon Trinkle
Bea Haeussler



Our Extended Bethel Family. . .

Jim Aitken	Carolyn Goodemote	David Mynning
Shawn Allen	Dick Gorlitz	Marsella Norman
Linda Ames	Fay Greer	Mr. Jack Novodoff
Taylor Anderson	Jennifer Lynn Griffin	Jeanne Marie O'Laughlin
Gail Davis Barnes	Jerry Hamm	Brenda Bunny Olinger
Kevin Bechler	Lonnie Haris	Janet Olson
Garry Blossom	Roger Hughes	William (Bill) Peters
Ann Bolen	Richard Huston	Donna Platt
Kathy Bower	Margaret Johnson	Eric Podzielinski
Andy Brook	Mary Gene Johnson	Ivy Reed
Theron Joseph Brooker-Nolan	Diane Jordan	Clancy Reynolds
Jim Brown	Mark Jordan	Mary Lou Rigg
Ron Bush	Danny Kaiser	Alice Rossetti
Betty Bust	Kimal Fuad Khoury	Evie Seegert
Glenda Capps	David Kelly	Terri Ann Sides
Chris Carpenter	Alisa King	Kurt Sieler
Larry Carr	Kathy Kirkpatrick	Officer Michael Smith
Michael Cattran	Keith Kothe	Lauren Stanfield
Kathy Christensen	Jean Little	Dave Stanley
Donald Covell	Jan Losee	Matthew Stautz
Sasha Dumitrache	Lucille Loudin	Rita Townsend
Joe Eberle	Monty Love	Joe Turk
Grady Edwards	AJ Marry	Gene Turner
Ed Emery	Natalie Matovinovic	Mary Turton
Clayton Ernst	Larry Mauer	Pat Vitale
Louis Essiambre	Gail Mazzaro	George Vix
Tom Finley	Scott Maxwell	Irene Roehm Vogt
Jim Fowler	Mark McCoy	Donna Winter-Hagen
Gary Freeman	Mark McPherson	Jan Woelders
Tom Gielen	Georg Menge	Gerry Zapolnik
Alice Goltz		

BETHEL PRAYER REQUESTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
November 3	Eldean Bauer	Pastor Bucholtz
	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	
November 24	Paul Bigelow	Bonnie Mitchell
	Madison Carpenter	Karen Braun Miller
	Mary Jo Olmstead	Mary Beth Baker

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

ADVENT WORKSHOP

Advent Workshop will take place today at 11:15 a.m. Following worship, Sunday School students will go directly to their classroom. No assembly today.

There will be make-and-take crafts set up in the Reineck Fellowship Hall and an opportunity to decorate a card for Bethel's senior members.

Lunch will also be served.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15th
9:30 a.m.

Please join us for a cookie reception following the program in the Reineck Fellowship Hall

EVENTS TODAY

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship - Totenfest (Memorial Sunday)
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Advent Workshop with lunch provided - **Please note the new time**
11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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 |
| Sat., Nov. 30 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. | Cookie Bake |
| Sun., Dec. 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship with Holy Communion |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Mon., Dec. 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Handbell Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Senior Choir rehearsal |
| Tues., Dec. 3 | 6:30 p.m. | Advent by Candlelight |
| Thurs., Dec. 5 | 7:30 p.m. | Christian Ed Hiring Committee meeting |
| Sun., Dec. 8 | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Board of Christian Education meeting |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Christmas Caroling |
| Mon., Dec. 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Handbell Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Senior Choir rehearsal |
| Tues., Dec. 10 | 6:00 p.m. | Hearts & Hands meeting |
| Wed., Dec. 11 | 12:00 p.m. | All-Church Potluck hosted by the Women of Bethel |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Church Board meeting |



IN THE COMMUNITY

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| 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 |
| Thurs., Dec. 5 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Swiss Steak Dinner & Bake Sale at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter |
| Tues., Dec. 10 | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Bleeding Control course at the St. Joe's Trauma Center (Private Dining room A) |
| Wed., Dec. 11 | 10:45 a.m. | Senior Appreciation Luncheon at Manchester Riverside Intermediate School |

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