

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2010 – 11:00 AM**

** Indicates congregation standing if able. Parents with infants may remain seated.
Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Folder and pass it down the pew.

God is love! As we focus on God's love here in his house, may we each strive to be loving and accepting of one another.

PRELUDE

"What a Wonderful World"

by Weiss and Thiele

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple of heart.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of gifts, God of giving, we praise you that you have not blessed just one person, one family, or one nation, but have granted gifts to all your people. It is when we are one in your Spirit, one dedicated to your reign that we become your body here upon the earth. Descend to us, we pray. Breathe upon us. Bring us to life, the real life as we grow to recognize and celebrate the ties that bind us together! These things we pray, trusting in you. Amen

*HYMN OF CALL # 322

"Spirit of the Living God"

Daniel Iverson, 1935

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, All-Knowing God, that we have minimized the gifts of others, refused to acknowledge your presence in the varied cultures who share your world with us, narrowed our definition of what it means to be your people so that we and few others are included, and defined to our convenience what it means to be a child of God. No more. Forgive us. Enlighten us. Move in our midst. Open our eyes. Dwell in our hearts. May we truly become one body in Christ - one people of God. ...*(silent & personal confession)* Amen

SUNG RESPONSE # 572

“Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us”

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 579

“Glory Be to the Father”

H. W. Greatorex

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PSALM: Psalm 19

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

SERMON

“One Body, Many Gifts”

The Rev. Craig Hendrix

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed (Trad.)**

Hymnal – pg 14

*RESPONSIVE HYMN # 438 ***“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”***

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ***“Wonderful Words of Life”***

arr. Rouse

*DOXOLOGY # 592 ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE SENDING FORTH

*SENDING HYMN # 525 ***“Here I Am, Lord”***

Daniel L. Schutte, 1981

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION # 540

***God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you.
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.***

*POSTLUDE ***“I Sing Praises”***

Macalmon (arr. Hayes)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Celia Simon

Pianist: Mary Hook

Ushers: Marlene & James Woodard

Acolytes: Bryson Turnbull and Gary Lemasters

Sound: Greg Murr



**NOW YOU
ARE THE
BODY OF
CHRIST
AND
INDIVIDUALLY
MEMBERS
OF IT.**

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV

A SPECIAL

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!

We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us" rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks, please put those in the offering plate.

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~ a community of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Craig Hendrix - Interim Pastor
Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse
Mary Hook – Pianist and Organist
Chris Badger – Bell Choir Director
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