

▣ The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
1st Sunday in Lent
February 21, 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

On this first Sunday in Lent, we happily welcome you to the Lord's house. May the risen Christ be our Guest, and may every heart be open to receive him.

PRELUDE

"Poor Wayfaring Stranger"

spiritual – arr. Hayes

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because God has anointed me.

The Lord has sent me to announce good news to the poor.

To proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind

To let the broken victims go free.

To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Today, in our hearing these words have come true.

Let us praise the Lord who has called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light and who has given us a share in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and gracious God, we remember with thanksgiving this morning the many ways you have blessed us. During this time of worship, we thank you for the gift of life, the gift of friends, and most of all, for the gift of your Son who shows us how to be your faithful disciples, living into justice, loving others. Because we are filled with gratitude, we commit ourselves to serving you. Through your Holy Spirit, bless us with both the will and the skill to bring your reign more fully to our society, until your kingdom has indeed come to earth as it is in heaven. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN OF CALL # 138 *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is a voice that speaks to us, God of the Word, God of history, God of salvation, but it is not your voice. There is a way, an easy way, an expedient way, a lazy way, but it is not your way. The voice is insistent, the way beckons, and we are tempted. Now is when we call out to you. May we take the rocky road, proclaim the true gospel, live by the cross, die to self, and be raised to reality. We would resist temptation. Our example is our savior Jesus, who was not spared the onslaught, who endured, and who continued. Be with us. Guard us and guide us. This we pray, trusting in you. (*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

CHORAL ANTHEM *“Take My Voice and Let Me Sing”* Steve Kupferschmid

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:1-13

SERMONS Into the Desert The Rev. Craig Hendrix

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles’ Creed (Trad.)** Hymnal – pg 14

*RESPONSIVE HYMN # 145 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”* MARION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Meditation"

Stookmanns

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

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE SENDING FORTH

*SENDING HYMN # 391

"Take My Life"

HENDON

*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

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Arr. Sanborn

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Joe Coen

Pianist: Mary Hook

Ushers: Debbie & Dan Hyder

Acolytes: Maria Vanegas and Lyric Rivera

Sound: Greg Murr

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Craig Hendrix - Interim Pastor
Emeritus

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

Mary Hook – Pianist and Organist

Chris Badger – Bell Choir Director

Linda Gerth – Child-care

Rev. Richard Hettrick, D. Min.– Pastor

Will Purushotham – Youth Director

Laura Walker – Choir Director

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Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GAUESTS:

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.