

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNION SUNDAY
11:00 A.M. – MARCH 7, 2010

**Indicates congregation standing if able. Congregational responses indicated in bold.*

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"He Hideth My Soul"

arr. Rouse

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek God while God may be found.

Call upon the God who is near.

**Let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the creator.**

God will have mercy on us, and will abundantly pardon.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN OF CALL # 376 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, how trying we must be.

You have told us, you have shown us, you have come among us.

Still, we look away, ignoring, forgetting, rejecting your purposes for us.

Have mercy on us.

Forgive us for what we have done, and for what have not done.

Tell us again. Show us again.

Come among us again.

With grace anew, come among us again,

so that we might start fresh,

and receive the life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

...(silent and personal confession) Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

*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 *“What Does It Mean To Be a Christian?”*

John Carter

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-9

PSALMS: Psalm 68:1-8

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

SERMON

The Rev. Bill Fowler

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Nicene Creed (Trad.)**

Hymnal Pg. 15

INTRODUCTION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Seasons of Life”

M. Hayes

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE # 592 ***“The Doxology”***

OLD 100th

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARIST

*HYMN OF PREPARATION # 371 ***“Lift High the Cross”***

CRUCIFER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, ...

... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place,

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty, ...

...With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins/sin against us*)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INVITATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF BLESSING # 339 **“Be Thou My Vision”**

SLANE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE # 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 ***“On Jordan's Stormy Banks”***

arr. Purifoy

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Deb Hyder

Ushers: Jim Schall and Jack McNew

Acolytes: Mike Skinner

Organist and Pianist: Mary Hook

Choir Director: Laura Walker
Sound: Greg Murr

Communion Preparation: Peggy Sheppard

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Craig Hendrix – Interim Pastor

Rev. Richard Hettrick, D. Min. – Pastor Emeritus

Susan Cutts – Administrative Assistant

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

Mary Hook – Organist and Pianist

Laura Walker – Choir Director

Chris Badger – Handbell Choir Director

Linda Gerth – Nursery

John Carter – Custodian

God is
Faithful,
he will not let
YOU *be*
tempted
beyond what
YOU *can*
bear.
1 Corinthians 10:13

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Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks,
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