THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2009



GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcoming and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship
We are called from the ends of the earth

We are called from the dead centers of our lives.
We are called to praise God.
We are called to serve the Holy One.
God has breathed into us the breath of new life. Let us worship with joy!

*Hymn of Praise # 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today, ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word, and ready to answer your call among us. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

*Call to Confession

God takes our weary lives, that often seen broken and filled with despair, and brings us hope. We ask that through this time of confession God's Spirit will break though and heal us this day!

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Caring and compassionate Creator, we enter this place set part for your worship, knowing that we have failed to see you in other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in earth and sky, in plants and creatures, and in the people who surround us. We have chosen to live more by fears than by our faith, to be weighed down by what we do not have, rather than rejoicing in your gifts to us. In these moments together, draw us so close that we cannot help but know that you are with us. Enlarge our capacity to care, so we may see you in all whom we meet...(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

Anthem

THE WORD

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8: 12-17

Gospel Lesson: John 3:1-17

Sermon

NICAEA

Nic at Night...

Rev. Patricia Harvey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Introduction to Offering

Offertory

*Offertory Response # 95

Doxology

Old 100th

*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

THE SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Blessing # 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

*Charge

Friends, Continue your journey walking in love. Care for one another, care for the earth. Seek justice and make peace. God goes before you. Live boldly, celebrate and sing!

*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

*Please stand if you are able.

Felice e Giardini

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING Liturgist: Larry Strickling Acolytes: Paul and Will Ushers:

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BETHEL STAFF

Rev. S. Marc Sherrod Th.D - Pastor Rev. Richard Hettrick - Pastor Emeritus Rev. Patricia Harvey – Parish Associate Deb Hyder - Parish Nurse; Susan Cutts-Administrative Assistant; Mary Hook - Organist and Pianist; Laura Walker - Choir Director John Carter - Custodian; Linda Gerth-Nursery

Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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





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 prc Please put those in the offerin

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