# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Bethel Presbyterian Church Communion Sunday July 5, 2009

# **GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

## **Welcoming and Announcements**

**Prelude** Sweet Hour of Prayer

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 48)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

Your name, O God, like your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

We will tell the next generation this is our God who will be our guide forever.

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise # 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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\*Opening Prayer

# \*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 touch us 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 times and other places. We have ignored your beauty around us, in the world you created, 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 the abundance of the gifts you have given 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 love, 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Assurance of Pardon

**Special Music** God Bless America Phil Walsh

A Prayer for Those in the Military (From the Book of Common Worship)

Righteous God, you rule the nations.

Guard brave men and women who risk themselves in battle for their country.

Give them compassion for enemies who also fight for patriotic causes.

Keep our sons and daughters from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives.

Though they must be at war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory.

Encourage them as they encourage one another,

and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen

# THE WORD

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6: 1-13

**Sermon** Freedom Isn't Just Another Word The Rev. Marc Sherrod

# **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical) Hymnal Page 14

**Introduction to Offering** 

**Offertory** I Need Thee Every Hour

\*Offertory Response # 592 The Doxology Old 100th

\*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

# THE EUCHARIST

\*Hymn of Preparation # 513 Let Us Break Bread Together

**Invitation to the Lord's Table** 

Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

**Breaking of the Bread** 

**Communion of the People** 

**Prayer after Communion** 

## THE SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Blessing # 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

\*Charge

\*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

Toccata in G

\*Please stand if you are

able.

#### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Guest Organist: Jody Brown Acolytes: Henry Coen and Charlie Coen Ushers: Jim Schall and Jack McNew Sound: Greg Murr Communion Preparation: Peggy Sheppard

#### **BETHEL STAFF**

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# Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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



#### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

Please put those in the offering plates.

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,