

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 26, 2009 – 11:00 AM**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Adagio & Presto from Sonata II*  
Micki Anderson, Flute

G. F. Handel

**Call to Worship**

Let every voice shout

**Every knee bow**

Every mouth proclaim

**Every life announce**

Every generation tell

**Every community give witness**

Every church bring to life

**The glory of God, alive among us!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 361**

*How Firm a Foundation*

Foundation

**\*Prayer to Call Us to Confession**

Gracious God, we are your people praying, gathered here in this old sanctuary where so many before us have gathered to pray. Do not be weary of listening as you hear our prayers of confession...

**\* Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, you call us to obedience.

**We are reluctant and make excuses.**

You teach us to be truthful,

but we lie when we think we won't get caught.

**We act as if you are not there. Forgive us.**

You teach us to honor one another,

but we talk about each other instead.

**We act as if you are not there. Forgive us.**

You teach us to share what we have been given,

but we accumulate more and more.

**We act as if you are not there. Forgive us.**

God, teach us wisdom. Teach us to seek you.

**You are always there for us; you are our refuge.**

**Help us to do good in your name...***(silent and personal prayer...)* Amen.

**\*Sung Response # 572**

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

KYRIE

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

While we are a people with incomplete love, a people with selective compassion, Christ is always ready to take the fragments of our love and use them to make the world whole. Christ does not call us to be perfect in our love, only willing—willing to grow in love for God and others. The message of the gospel is that when we come to Christ with willing hearts, they are transformed into God’s heart. Friends, this is Good News – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*Gloria Patri # 579**

GREATOREX

**Special Music**

*Nearer, Still Nearer*  
Dianne Griffith and Micki Anderson, Vocalists

Mrs. C. H. Morris

### **THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Psalm 14

**Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 3:14–21

**Sermon**

**“Great Love and Power”**

The Rev. Pat Harvey

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith P. 14**

The Apostles’ Creed (Spanish)

Read by: Viviana Vanegas

\* Hymn of Response # 398

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Introduction to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Waltz in c sharp minor*

Chopin

\*Doxology

\*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

**THE SENDING FORTH**

\*Hymn of Blessing # 391

*Take My Life*

Hendon

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response # 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

T. O. Chisholm

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.  
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

\*Postlude

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*arr. Purifoy*

**\*Please stand if you are able**

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

Liturgist: Danny Holloway

Acolytes: Bryson Coen and Linda Brown

Sound: Greg Murr

**BETHEL STAFF**

Rev. S. Marc Sherrod Th.D – Pastor

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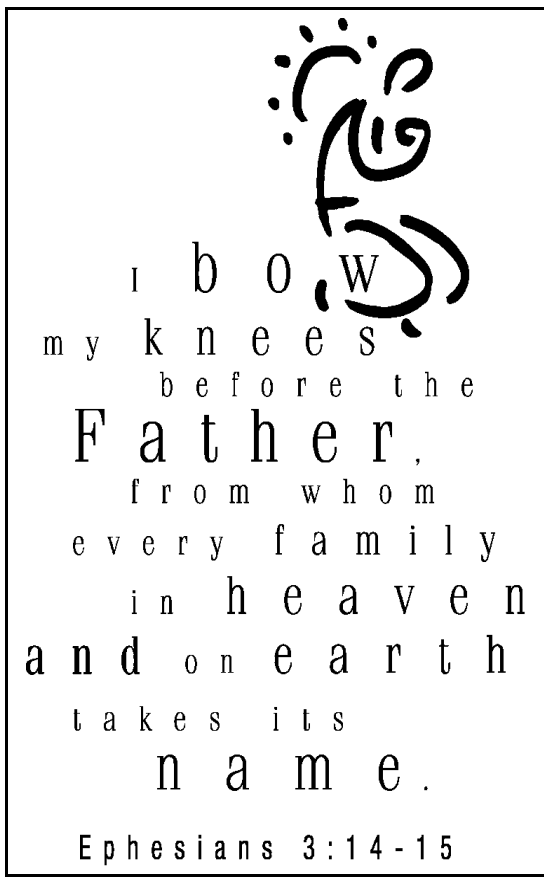
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## Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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



### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

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.