

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2009 – 11:00 AM

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Arabesque

R. Schumann

***Call to Worship**

Come into my house and worship, says our God.

Happy are those who feel at home in God's house.

Come into my presence and be at peace, says our God.

Happy are those who enjoy God's gift of serenity.

Come and let your life be joined to mine, says our God.

Happy are those who abide in God's love.

Come and be God's honored guest, for all are welcome in God's house.

Happy are we, the dearly loved of a faithful God.

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Hymn of Praise # 262 *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

Call to Confession (*Based on 1 Peter 2:24*)

Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross
that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

Please join me in the Prayer of Confession:

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Holy One of God. Even as we confess you are Lord, we admit that we struggle to follow you. Your teachings demand commitment, but we lack energy and imagination. Sometimes we wish we could just go away from you. But to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. Risen Christ, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again. Send your Spirit to empower our witness and work ... (*silent prayer*) Amen.

***Sung Response**

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

KYRIE

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

***Gloria Patri # 579**

Glory Be to the Father

H. W. Greatorex

Special Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Julie Bunch and Laura Dailey, Vocalists

J. S. Bach (arr. by Riegger)

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 27

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Sermon

**“Not To Conquer
- Nor To Hide”**

The Reverend Bill Shenk

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith (Insert)** A Brief Statement of Faith – (PCUSA)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***Hymn of Response # 457** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Introduction to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

THE SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Blessing # 430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148TH

***Charge & Benediction**

***Congregational Response # 438** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

SALVATION

**Blest be the tie that binds Our Hearts in Christian Love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

***Postlude**

Thy Word

Amy Grant (arr. By M. Hayes)

***Please stand if you are able**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Marilyn Gaffin
Sound: Greg Murr

Acolytes: Lyric Rivera and Maria Vanegas

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. S. Marc Sherrod Th.D – Pastor
Rev. Patricia Harvey – Parish Associate
Susan Cutts – Administrative Assistant
Laura Walker – Choir Director
John Carter – Custodian
Cathy McDowell – Clerk of Session

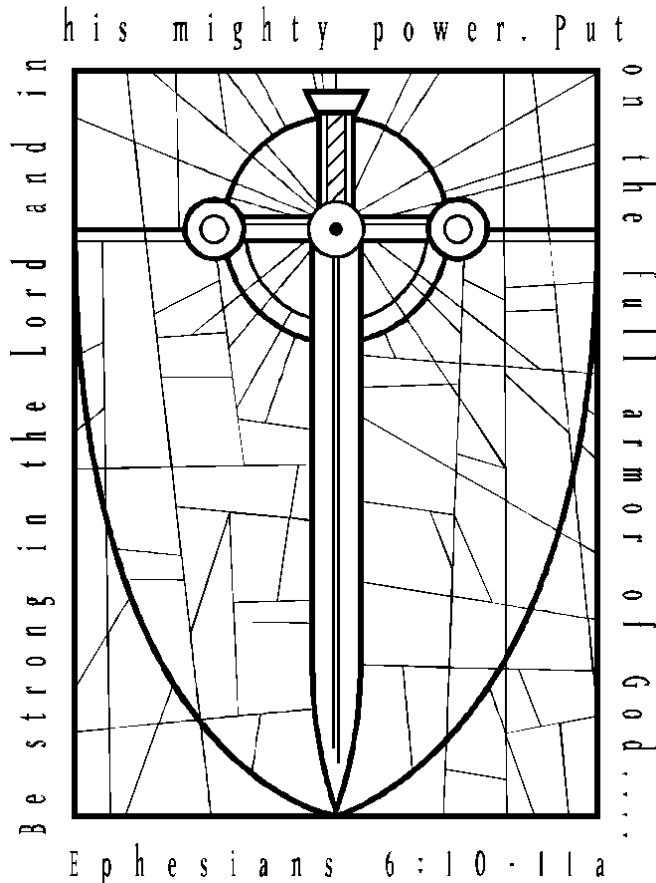
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Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

~ 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.