

**The Service For The Lord's Day**  
**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Communion Sunday**  
**September 6, 2009**



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

**Welcoming and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Sing a New Song to the Lord*

Natalie Sleet

**\*Call to Worship**

Be rich in faith, says the God who gives us life.

**We trust in God, who is faithful to us.**

Be strong in spirit, says the God who carries us through life.

**We trust in God, who surrounds us with love.**

Be generous to one another, says the God of abundant grace.

**We trust in God, who is the giver of every gift.**

Be steadfast in your lives, says the God of wisdom.

**We trust in God, who endures forever.**

**\*Hymn of Praise # 263**

*Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

**Opening Prayer**

Make your face to shine upon us, O God, and be pleased to dwell in our presence. We gather before you to give you our praise. We listen attentively for your word, which brings wisdom. We wait expectantly to confess anew our allegiance in faith. Make your face to shine upon us, O God, and be pleased with our worship. **Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as ourselves. We admit that we often think we are better than others. We tease people who wear old clothes. We ignore people who live in run-down neighborhoods. We boast about our accomplishments. We even say unkind things about others so that they look worse and we look better. Jesus, forgive us and teach us again. Help us to be kind to others, as you want us to be...(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 (Galatians 3: 27-28)**

Remember that “As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus”. So live as free people, abounding in the hope of the gospel, for in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**\*Gloria Patri # 579**

H. W. Greatorex

**Anthem**

*You Are My Light*

Dave and Gean Perry

**THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 1:: 4-5; Lamentations 1: 20-21**

**Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:13**

**Gospel Lesson: Matthew 11: 29-30**

**Sermon**

Come Unto Me...

Rev. Patricia Harvey

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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**Introduction to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Prelude in B Flat*

J. S. Bach

**\*Offertory Response # 592**

*The Doxology*

Old 100th

**\*Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

**THE EUCHARIST**

**\*Hymn of Preparation # 517** *We Come As Guests Invited*

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**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 # 536**      *Lord, Make Us More Holy*      African-American Spiritual

**\*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**      *The Light of the World Is Jesus*      Arr. M. Hayes

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

### **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING**

Liturgist: Larry Strickling  
Acolytes/Ushers: Jon Dailey & Julie Coen  
Communion Preparation: Peggy Sheppard  
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### **BETHEL STAFF**

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

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for fellowship, study and service . . .  
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



# **Holy Communion**

### **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 plates.