

**The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Stewardship Commitment Sunday
November 8, 2009 – 11:00 AM**

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Menuetto I & II from Sonata no. IV for flute and piano*

J. S. Bach

Responsive Call to Worship

What does our God ask of us in this place and time?

To worship with our whole hearts.

What does our God seek in our lives?

To care for one another with compassion and mercy.

What service does God invite from us?

To give what we have, with open hearts.

What blessing does God seek for the world?

That we share in raising up the poor, the lost and the broken.

Let us worship God here, that we might grow in love and service everywhere.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise # 477** *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*
(Verses 1,3,4)

HANOVER

***Call to Confession**

***Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, you bless us with all we need.

Time and time again, we hold back in our giving;

We fear there will not be enough.

We withhold our time; we withhold our money,
saying, "Who knows what will happen?"

Your mercies never cease.

Forgive our fears and refusals.

Help us to be like Ruth,

giving herself to support Naomi.

Help us to be like the poor widow,

giving all because we trust you.

Help our gratitude be a witness to your grace.

... (*silent & personal confession*) Amen

- *Sung Response # 572** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- *Assurance of Pardon**
- *Gloria Patri # 579** *Glory Be to the Father* H. W. Greatorex

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Psalms Lesson: Psalm 127

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:38-44

Sermon **“Give of Your Best”** Rev. Craig Hendrix

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

- *Affirmation of Faith** **The Apostles Creed** (*Traditional*) Hymnal Page 14
- *Hymn of Response #466** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
(Verses 1, 3, 4)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

- Offertory** *Siciliano from Sonata no. II for flute and piano* J. S. Bach
- *Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH
- *Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

*The congregation is invited to assemble in the Gathering Area for the Stewardship Fair.
We will return to the sanctuary to complete the Worship Service.*

THE SENDING FORTH

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Response to the Benediction # 538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (Verse 1)*

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.*

***Postlude**

Be Thou My Vision

Keveren

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Danny Holloway

Pianist: Mary Hook

Flutist: Micki Anderson

Ushers: Teresa Hettrick and Chelsea Richmond

Sound: Greg Murr

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Craig Hettrick - Interim Pastor

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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 ~

**"...she... put in
everything -
all she had..."**

Mark 12:44



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.