



# Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2018

## Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

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### Prelude

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Welcome

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen**

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.

## Gathering Song

## My Lord, What a Morning



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**



## Glory to God

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Salutation

God be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs;

I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,

and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;

in the shade of its branches will nest

winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,

I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 1 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

## Sermon



# Hymn of the Day

# For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



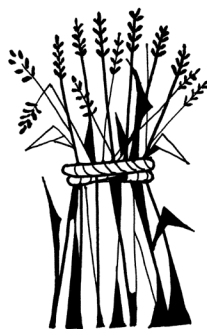
For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



## **Affirmation of Faith** - from *The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

## **Prayers of the People**

Response to each prayer petition:  
God of all mercies,  
**Hear us as we pray.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**



## WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

### Offering

### Offertory

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### Offertory Prayer

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen**

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.



## Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen

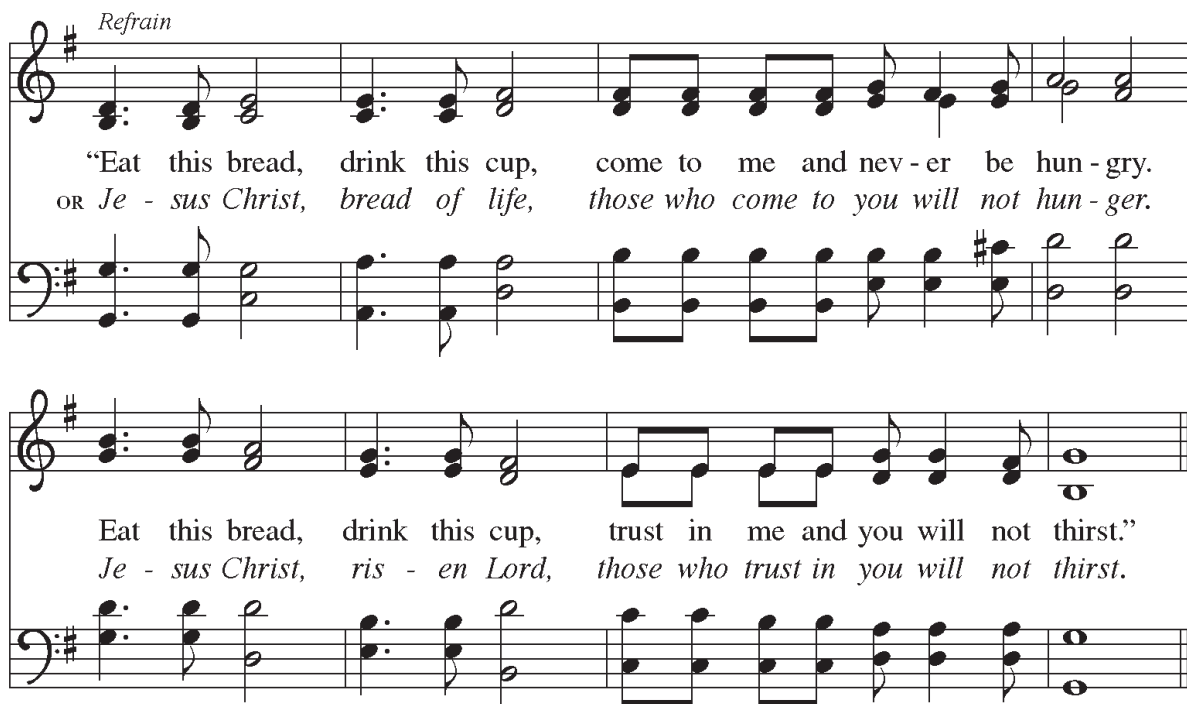
## Invitation to Communion

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

## Communion Distribution

## Eat This Bread

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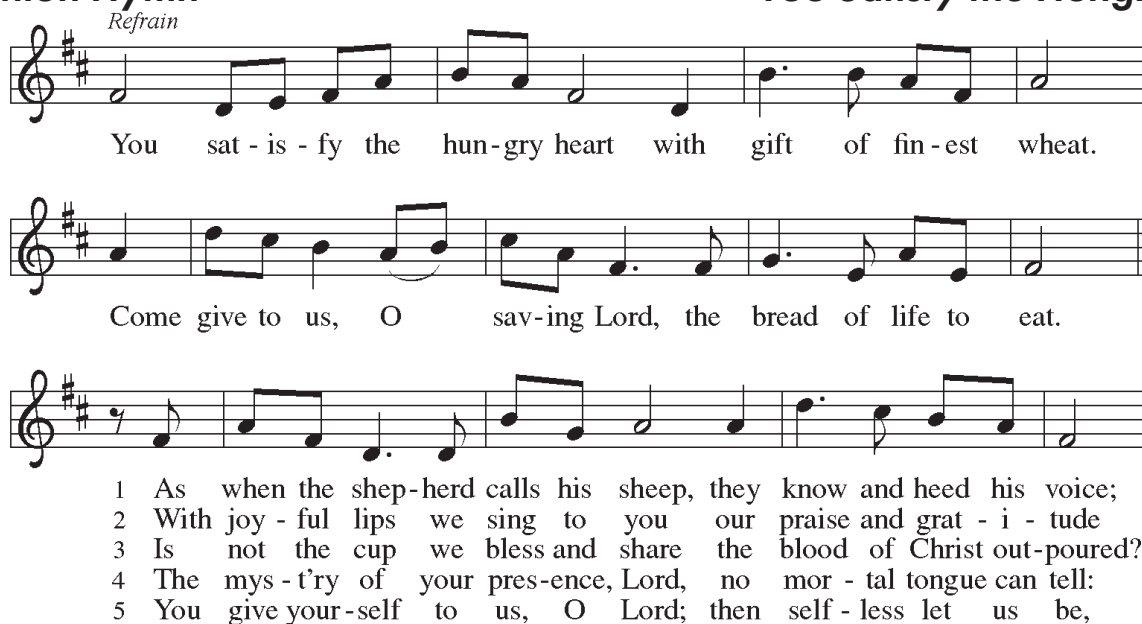
“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

## Communion Hymn

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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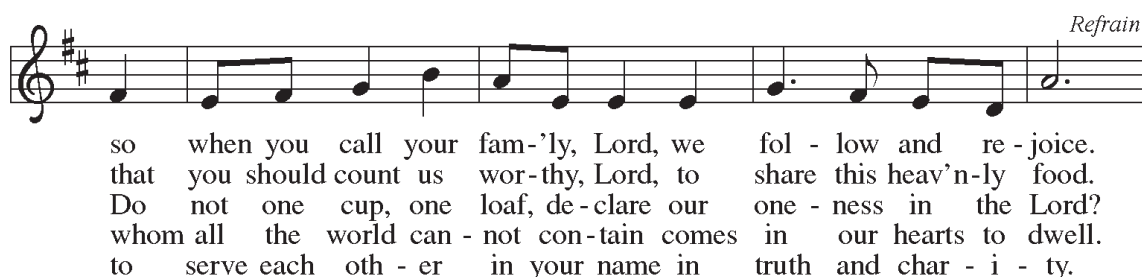


You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## Prayer After Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are our God forevermore. **Amen**

## WE GO OUT TO SERVE

### Announcements

### Mission Moment - Scott Shurtleff, Portland Clean Energy Fund

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

### *Blessed Assurance*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**Thanks be to God.**

<b>Prayer Requested for:</b>	<b>Prayer Concern:</b>	<b>Prayer Contact:</b>
For The LGBTQAI Community	Thanksgiving for the sacredness of all humanity lamenting the injustices faced by the community, we pray for healing and peace.	The Bethel Community
Vance Elizabeth Presberg	Prayers for healing For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile	Gabe Moody-Burghard Joann Noll
Katie Reitel	Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family	The Bentleys
Regina Seman	Healing, strength and comfort for health issues	Svea Erickson
Susan Frossard	Prayer of peace and comfort for Susan and her family as she nears the end of her life.	Pr. Christine
The family and friends of Steve Garrick	Peace and comfort as they mourn his death.	Don Worthington
Ronda Bard and her family	Prayers of peace and comfort as they mourn the death of their Aunt Margaret	Pr. Christine
Tabby and Andy Haner	Prayers of comfort after 2 car accidents in 5 months.	Pr. Christine
The family and friends of Mike Baggs	Prayers of comfort and assurance as they mourn his death.	Pr. Christine
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon.		



<b>Stewardship of Service</b>	<b>Today - June 17</b>	<b>Next Week - June 24</b>
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Bishop David Brauer-Rieke	Deacon Sue Best
Musician:	LeAnn Michaels	Jamie Vandenberg
Usher:	Holly Redfern	
Reader:	Marlo Edman	
Communion:	Dorian and Mary Bentley	Jackie Calder
Preparation of the Altar:	Dorian Bentley	

# BETHEL NEWS

## Coming Up:

**June 17**

### **Special Congregational Meeting – following Worship Today**

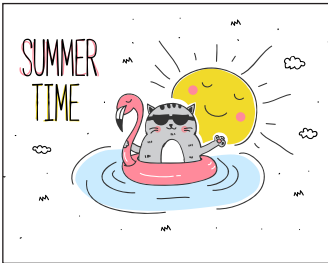
The purpose of this meeting is three-fold:

1. Voting to affirm the Congregation's intent to extend a Letter of Call to Pastor Terry Moe,
2. Approval of his compensation package, and
3. Affirm Pastor Christine's call to reflect her change in time commitment and amendment of her duties going forward. Bp. David Brauer-Rieke will be with us all morning and as the Synod Representative for the meeting.

Bethel now stands at a threshold of change and growth. Extending the call to Pastor Moe and affirming Bethel's existing covenantal relationship with Pastor Christine is an appropriate and necessary step as we move forward.

**June 24**

**Sunday Parkways** - please be aware that a few streets near Bethel will be closed off for bicyclists and you may need to allow extra time. Coming to Bethel from Killingsworth will not be a problem, and Denver will be open at Ainsworth for North/South traffic.



### **SUMMER VACATION**

Summer is a time for fun in the sun: Hiking, Swimming, singing around the Campfire and S'mores. Visiting new places and seeing family. Summer is a time for vacation. We all scatter a bit during the summer and when you are not here, there is a YOU shaped hole in the community and we miss you. But we look forward to the Fall, school starting and re-gathering for the busy Fall.

This summer, let's keep each other in our hearts as we travel. **Pick up a small plastic bottle from basket at the back of the Sanctuary ...** take it with you when you travel ... while you're away fill it with a bit of the water source where you are visiting – Pacific Ocean? Crater Lake? Mississippi River? Alligator Creek? Proxy Falls? Where ever you find yourself ... dip your bottle in the nearest body of water and bring it back. Then when we re-gather on September 9 (after Labor Day), we'll pour our water to the Baptismal Font, remember our Baptism, and rejoice that we are all together in one place!



### **SAVE THE DATE - BETHEL GROUP CAMPOUT** August 10-12

Join the group at Black Canyon Campground. East of Eugene, just shy of 2 1/2 hours south of Portland. Black Canyon Campground rests next to the Middle Fork of the Willamette River. This scenic campground is heavily shaded by towering hemlock, cedar and Douglas fir. Fishing and kayaking are popular pastimes. Ryan Burghard is coordinating.

## Preaching Schedule

**JUNE 24 -DEACON SUE BEST** Deacon Sue was commissioned as a Deacon in June 2016. Sue is a Palliative Care Social Worker at OHSU. In addition to her theological study at Seattle University, Sue earned a B.S.W and a M.S.W from the University of Kansas. Sue is a breast cancer survivor and is member of the Pink Phoenix Dragon Boat Team, which was founded in 1997. Pink Phoenix is the first dragon boat team in the US comprised solely of breast cancer survivors. The Pinks strive to demonstrate their commitment to life after surviving breast cancer.after surviving a devastating diagnosis.

**JULY 1- INSTALLATION OF PR. TERRY MOE** (pending Congregational vote); Pastor Christine preaching

**JULY 8 - LAY LEAD SERVICE**

**July 15 - PASTOR TERRY MOE**

### PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY FUND

A group of our Lutheran and inter-faith colleagues have mounted a campaign working towards social justice and climate action through the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) ballot initiative. This initiative would raise \$30 million to weatherize homes, promote solar energy and provide new economic opportunity for low-income households, including women and people of color.

This initiative is consistent with many of the issues Bethel has supported through prayer and action. The Portland Clean Energy Fund is a valuable community-led vision that builds resilience and wealth in the face of climate change and federal inaction. The initiative will bring new renewable energy and energy efficiency investments improve our homes, improve our city's environment, train our workers, and support our businesses. By signing on to this initiative, Bethel can take proactive steps to fight climate change while addressing social and economic inequity.

Please greet Scott Shurtleff this morning and consider signing the initiative petition to get this measure on the ballot. Portland's look toward the future will serve as a national model for similar measures across the country.

