

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 24, 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.

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

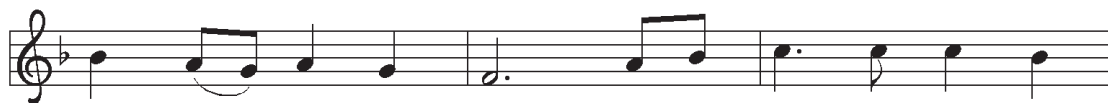
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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,

Salutation

God be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the fourth chapter.

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Lord of all Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.



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

Communion Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all families separated by immigration policy	Prayers may they know God's comfort and peace; that they will be reunited soon and that hearts will be healed.	The Bethel Community
For the LGBTQAI Community	Help us to celebrate our differences and bring life and energy to all who seek to dismantle injustice.	The Bethel Community
Vance	Prayers for healing	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Elizabeth Presberg	For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile	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
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.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - June 24	Next Week - July 1
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Preacher:	Deacon Sue Best	
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core, Pr. Terry Moe
Musician:	Jamie Vandenberg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	Robin Moody & Ryan Burghard	
Reader:	Ryan Burghard	Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez
Communion:	Jackie Calder	Karen Carpenter and Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez
Preparation of the Altar:	Robin Moody & Ryan Burghard	

BETHEL NEWS

Coming Up:

June 24

This morning, please welcome 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.

June 30

Hygiene program 9 am -12 am

July 1

Installation of Pastor Terry Moe as Interim Transition Pastor; Pastor Christine Core preaching

July 8

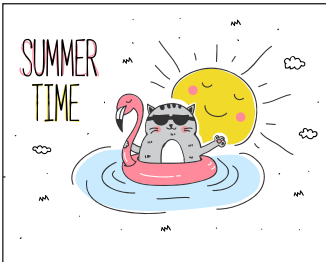
Lay Lead Service

July 15

Pastor Terry Moe

July 22

Pastor Ron Werner, Jr. – Pastor Ron is a pastor in the ELCA and community organizer in Portland. He is the co-founder of Youth Collectivist, facilitating the startup and sustainability of neighborhood-based ecumenical youth ministries and Awakening Leadership, an interfaith school of clergy and lay leaders. He is a statewide organizer with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, accompanying congregations from diverse faith traditions in the work of Sanctuary.



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.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

If you were able to be part of the quorum last Sunday, thank you. If you were not able to be with us, we thank you for your support and prayer from afar. We know it was a packed weekend!

THE CONGREGATION VOTED TO:

1. Affirm the Call of Pastor Christine Core to reflect the additional pastoral duties and responsibilities now assigned to her; to acknowledge the amendment of the time commitment from .50 to .75 FTE and to make a pro-rata adjustment in her compensation package to reflect the change in FTE. This change is effective retroactively to June 1.
2. Extend a one-year term call, renewal by mutual agreement, to Pastor Terry Moe to fill the role as Transition Pastor. The congregation also confirmed a salary and benefits package for Pastor Moe totaling \$19,500 annually.

Pastor Moe will be installed at Bethel during worship on Sunday morning, July 1. He begins work in earnest on July 15.

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE WORK

**He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8**



On June 15, Attorney General Jeff Sessions invoked Romans 13:1 to validate the immoral separation of children from their families. As you have read and seen, the outcry of protest has been strong from people from all walks of life. People across the country are watching and waiting to see what our churches will say and do. Here is what has been happening in Oregon since then:

- Biblical scholars have put forth a demonstratively more accurate reading of Romans 13:1 by including it in its context. Noting that this same scripture was last used in the mid 19th century by defenders of slavery to ward off abolitionists and to advocate for the continuation of slavery, people of faith urge readers of the Bible to continue reading before and after Romans 13:1. As people of faith, we need to be clear about what St. Paul is urging us to do. Romans 12:9-21 gives us a description of a true Christian. It begins "Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection ...". Readers of the Bible urge you to continue reading to Romans 13:8-10 which ends "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law."
- 1200 people stood in solidarity outside the barbed wire gates of the federal prison at Sheridan where 123 men are being detained after seeking asylum from religious persecution and violence in their home countries. About half of these men are Sikhs from India who are being persecuted by their dominant religion.
- Over 250 clergy from around the State of Oregon, including your pastor, signed a letter addressed to the Warden and Chaplain at the prison asking for permission to provide pastoral support and religious counsel to these men.

We note that on Wednesday, our president reversed his own policy to stop separating families. And yet, families are still separated. The work for justice continues. We ask for your continued prayers for children and families and for those who are doing this important work. If you are interested in learning more, becoming better informed and/or desire to participate in any of these activities, please contact Pastor Christine.