

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2018

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

YOUR PASTORS

Pastor Christine Core

email: ccore@comcast.net

phone/text: 503-805-3653

Pastor Terry Moe

email: tmoex1@gmail.com

phone/text: 503-702-5453

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

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 46; written by Joanna Harader)*

The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Storms rage, winds swirl—destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Violence comes to light in our communities and violence continues around the world—causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

God is their refuge.

For those living in fear of their neighbors,

God is their strength.

For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

God is present.

For the distraught and displaced and dismembered in Syria, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere,
God is a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear.

Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

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

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Salutation

God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

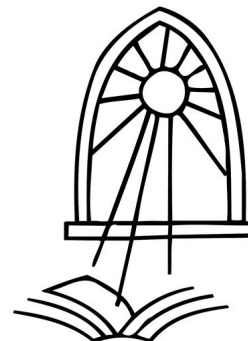
Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

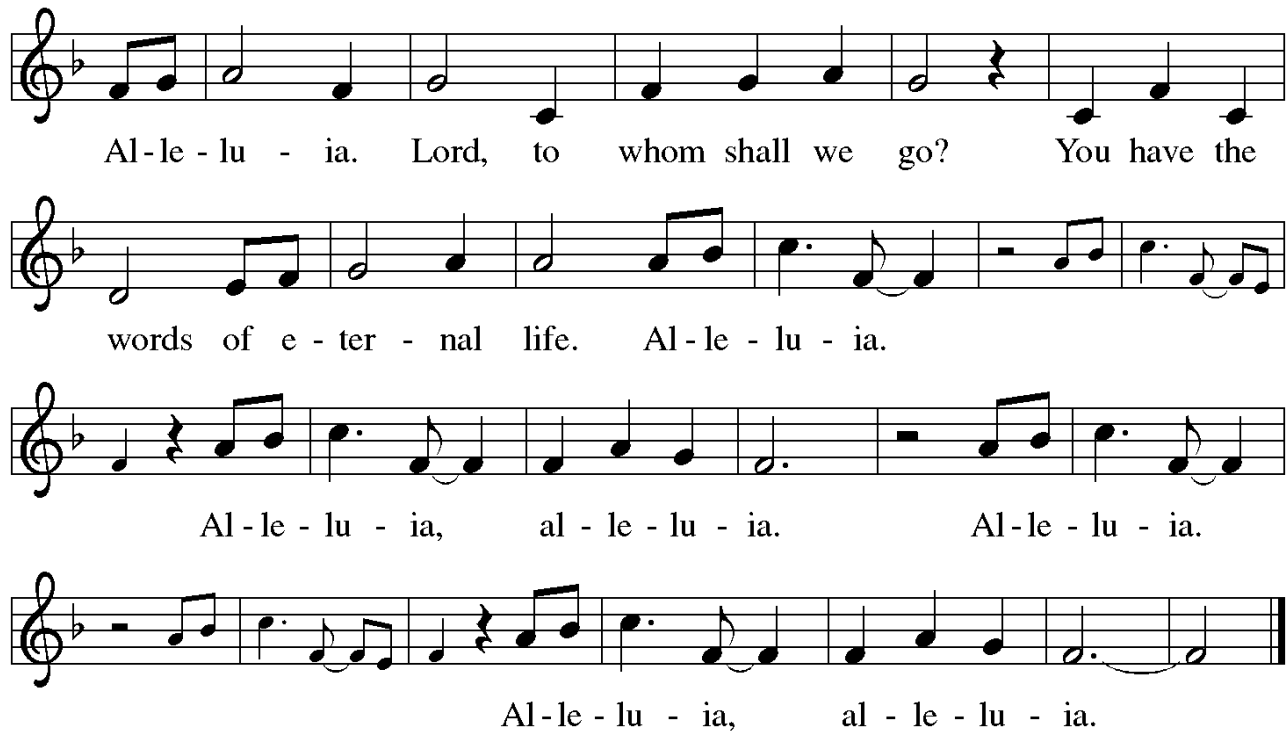
Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighth chapter.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

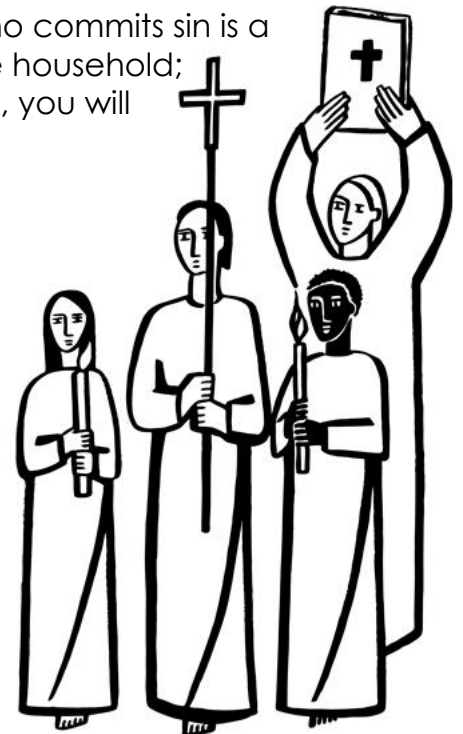
Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." O give his life a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Build Us Up, Lord

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our

us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our

ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.

Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us

world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

Refrain

Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in

faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your

word to spread the news of your Son!

Prayers of the People (We respond after each petition.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.



WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy



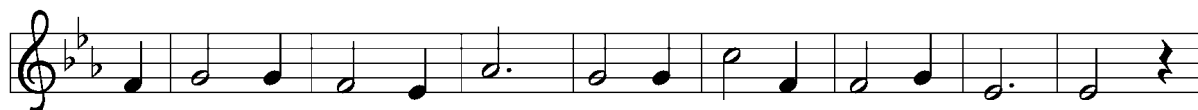
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

(Maori & Polynesian Traditions, 1989)

Eternal Spirit,

Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

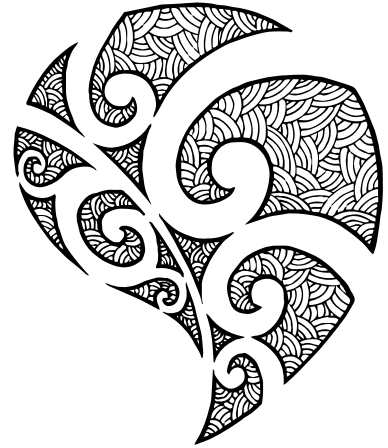
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trial too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

now and forever. Amen



Invitation to Communion

Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2
Come and rest in me. To refrain
all will know my name. To refrain
up, now walk and live! To refrain

Refrain
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

To stanzas 3 and 4
love you and you are mine."

4 "I

Prayer After Communion

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen**

We Go Out to Serve

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested for:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all people who are forced to stand at the margins of society	That their needs be satisfied, their human rights be restored and their dignity be established.	The People of Bethel
Vance	Prayers for healing.	Gabe Moody-Burghard
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Brenda	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Cate Milburn
Lori Fields	Prayers for courage and strength after stage 4 liver cancer diagnosis.	Karen Anderson
John McAllister	Prayers of healing, comfort and release of pain following open heart surgery on Monday, October 23.	Pastor Christine & the Kitchen Crew
John Hansen	Prayers for peace and comfort.	Pastor Christine
Paul Gover	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Christine
Steve Stoner	Prayers of peace and comfort	Pastor Christine
Marlo Edman	Prayers for continued healing for following surgery.	Pastor Christine
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Willie Torry	Special concerns.	Pastor 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 - Oct 28	Next Week - Nov 4
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Pastor:	Pr. Terry Moe	Pr. Terry Moe
Musician:	Jamie Vandenburg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:		
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- October 28** Bethel Discernment Team Meeting, 12-2 pm, location TBD
November 1 Free *Reanimated* Dress Rehearsal, 7:30 pm
November 3 Saturday Hygiene Program

Other News

Reanimated Bride of Frankenpastor!

Now Available: Purchase Tickets Online

(Details at <http://bethelpdx.org/bethel-players>)

- Friday Dinner** Nov 2 & 9 | 7 pm
Saturday Matinée Nov 3 & 10 | 1:30 pm
Saturday Dinner Nov 3 & 10 | 7 pm
Sunday Dessert Nov 4 & 11 | 3 pm



Reanimated - Kitchen Help Needed

Shifts for cooks, set-up, clean-up and available for all performances. Use Sign-up Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaca62aa5fa7-bethel4>, to volunteer. If that doesn't work, email the church office at bethellutheran@bethelpdx.org or Pastor Christine (ccore@comcast.net). We cannot wait to hear from you!

Worship Assistants Needed

The esteemed founder of the Bethel Prep Team, Brady Burdick, sends along a reminder that we need folks to sign up to help with worship assistance. Sign up sheets are at the back of the Sanctuary. And a friendly warning, Brady is on the hunt for volunteers and no one can say no to that invitation!

Join the Bethel Choir, 11-4 | 9 am, Bethel Sanctuary

If you love to sing, join the reconstituting Bethel Choir. First rehearsal is on Sunday, 11/4 at 9 am in the Sanctuary.

Vote! By 11-6 | Tuesday

Mail ballots by Wednesday, 10-31 or drop your ballot in a drop box by Tuesday, 11/6. The nearest box to Bethel is the North Killingsworth Library, 512 N. Killingsworth.

St Charles Spaghetti Dinner Nov. 4 | 12 pm to 6 pm, 5310 NE 42nd Ave, Portland

68th Annual Dinner! \$12/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/children 6-12, children 5 & under eat for free! Purchase tickets online, in the Parish Office, or at the door. Take out available. More details at <https://stcharlespdx.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/68thAnnualSpaghettiDinner>

Today's Version of the Lord's Prayer

The Polynesian Maori were New Zealand's first inhabitants and settled as early as 800 CE. Hunting and fishing people, the Maori sustained themselves with the rich natural resources the island provided. The unparalleled beauty of New Zealand's snowcapped mountains and majestic lowland plains inspired all who have lived on these islands.

Originally published in 1989, The New Zealand Prayer Book (created by the Anglican Church in province of Aotearoa in New Zealand) combines the traditional Anglican prayers and forms of worship with the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and other Pacific Island cultures. The Polynesian culture influences the language of this translation, eloquent in its wonderful simplicity and diversity.

Take note of how both masculine and feminine images of God are used. Do these images challenge your way of thinking about the expansiveness of the Divine One or does it confirm your existing thinking? You may wish to contemplate the diversity of human kind, all of which reflects the majesty of God.

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (IMIrJ)

Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice, in which Bethel holds membership, urges a **NO vote on Measure 105**. As religious leaders and people of faith, we are called to walk to together, to welcome newcomers to our communities, and to treat each other as neighbors and family. Immigrants in Oregon are part of our families, communities, workplaces and places of worship. We urge all people of faith to join with law enforcement, medical professionals, community groups and businesses and reject profiling and preserve our state as a sanctuary.

The groups behind this effort to overturn Oregon's existing anti-racial profiling law are Oregonians for Immigration Reform (OFIR) and the Federation of Immigration Reform (FAIR). Both groups have been designated extremist hate groups by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

We cannot tell you how to vote, but we urge you to take your conscience and your understanding of Gospel values into the voting booth with you.



Don't Forget to Vote by November 6!

Reformation Sunday

