

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

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Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

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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

We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,
Because you have kept us from a destructive path.

We give thanks because Your word gives us hope,
And we reflect on Your word at all times.

You are the Source of deep seated faith,
And our spirits are refreshed in your presence! 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.

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

P: Hear the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the sixth chapter.

[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

P: This is the Gospel of the Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message Sermon





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.
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



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

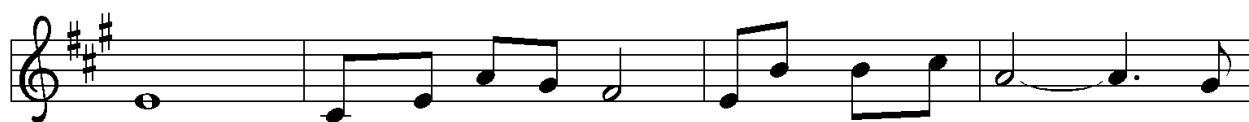


still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
 To refrain
 To refrain
 To 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



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of the People

**God of 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

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God of all creation,

all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher, and our Redeemer. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer



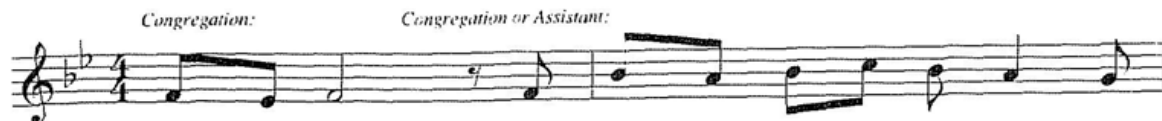
The Lord's Prayer

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

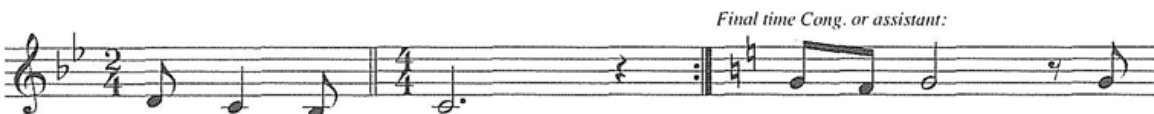
Speak to us, O God, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
* you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and



world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to come to the feast.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Prayer After Communion

We thank you, Dearest God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to building one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our brother, our teacher and our Redeemer.

Amen



We Are Sent in Jesus' Love

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

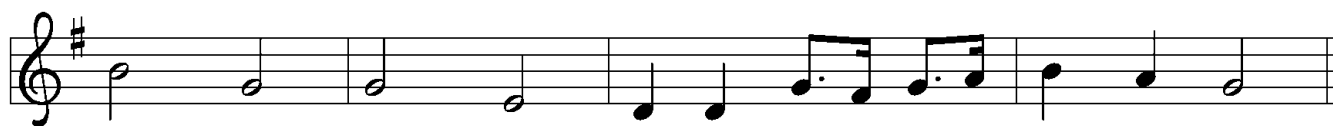


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all those affected by weather extremes.	Prayers of concern.	Staff
The women served by Rahab Sisters	Strength and comfort for these houseless women living on the east side of Portland.	Staff
Jan Kimble	Prayers for healing and effective treatment for breast cancer.	Tammy Gover
Richard VanDyke	Prayers for healing and peace.	Jim VanDyke
Pepe Rochon	Prayers for healing and comfort.	Faith St. John
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
June Hassebroek	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Pastor Christine
Lisha, a Sunday Guest	A safe return to God and return to home and family.	Staff
Willie, a Sunday Guest	Prayers for a good job and a home.	Staff
Family and friends of Ian Potts	Prayers of comfort and peace following Ian's death	Naso Michaels
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Lori Fields.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Feb 17	Next Week - Feb 24
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
Music Director:	Jamie Vandenburg	LeAnn Michaels
Usher:	The Burdicks	Karen Carpenter & Sofia Carpenter-Rodriguez
Reader:	Marlo Edman	Jeff Landon
Communion:	Brady and Stephanie Burdick	Simone and Annika Michaels
Preparation of the Altar:	Tammy Gover	

Bethel News



Coming Up:

- February 18** | Food Ministry Team Meeting – 6 pm Fireside Room – All are welcome.
- February 23** | State Senator Lew Frederick Visit, 9 am Senator Frederick is interested in learning more about what faith communities are doing in their outreach and service to the community
- February 23** | Hygiene Service, 9 am to noon
- February 24** | Getting ready for Lent – Today is the Sunday the children will be decorating the Alleluia butterflies during Children's Time. They will hide the Alleluia Butterflies on Transfiguration Sunday, March 3 during worship
- February 24** | Congregation Gathering, following worship
- March 2** | Mini-work Party, Games and Dinner, 3 pm until whenever we go home.
- March 6** | Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm

Other News

Volunteer Opportunities

Breakfast Cooks and Servers

As it happens, three of our most faithful volunteers are traveling for the next few Sundays. If you have a few hours to give, the fun starts in earnest about 7 am, but you can come any time to cook, chop and serve. Sign up at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/8050a48a4ad2da46-bethel1/78598935>

Worship Assistants

We can always use help with worship – check out open slots for Ushering, Preparation of the Altar, Communion Assistants, and Reading.

Two weeks ago Pastor Christine talked to the children about their responsibilities when they are asked to serve Communion and to read the Lessons. Parents, sign up your children! They are eager to help, but they need your assistance because most of them can't drive themselves to the church building.

Congregation Gathering

February 24 | Following Worship

Join us as we talk about questions and ideas we heard you raise at the Annual Meeting. We will be talking a bit more about the Bethel Discernment Team, the wider Synod Vitality Work, Food Ministry, our Fundraising effort for the parsonage and thoughts about deepening our spiritual lives.

- **Additional Congregational Gatherings:** March 24 and May 19.

Mini-Work Party, Games and Dinner

March 2 | 3 pm until whenever we go home

Let's gather at 3, spend a bit of time with some simple chores that need to be done around the building. Then we'll break out board games. We'll provide a simple supper, but everyone is invited to bring snacks, salads, drinks of choice. Tentative main course: lasagna

Interim Drop-In Center Director Named

The Drop-In Board is excited to announce the hire of Cheyenne McPherson as the Bethel Neighborhood Youth Drop-In Center Interim Director. Cheyenne's first day as Interim Director will be April 1, 2019.

Cheyenne has been a part of the Drop-In Center for many years; first as a counselor in the Summer Program for two summers and most recently as a child care provider in the after school program. Cheyenne has Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Portland State University and will receive her Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology from Concordia University in April.

Cheyenne and Tammy are working closely together to make this transition seamless. Take a look at the announcement for more information on the parties that you know are being planned!

Celebrating Tammy's Service to the Youth Drop-In Center

After many years of service, Tammy Gover has submitted her resignation from the position of Director of the Drop-In Center. We are incredibly grateful to Tammy for her hard work, devotion, and leadership; we are also appreciative of Tammy's support and flexibility for making the leadership transition a success for all our children and their families and Center supporters.

Keep in mind: Tammy and Paul are not leaving the Bethel and Drop-In communities! They will continue to be enthusiastic Drop-In supporters. Tammy will still participate in Bethel Players and she will stop by the Center for laughter and hugs and an energizing Drop-In fix.

Save the Date: Of course, we are planning parties for Tammy! Save Sunday, March 31, after worship service. This gives us all a chance to honor Tammy's service and the support of her spouse, Paul.

Visit from State Senator Lew Frederick

February 23

State Senator Lew Frederick will be visiting Bethel to learn more about Bethel's outreach programs and service to the community.

A Story for Bethel, *Shared by JulieAnn Edman*

I want the people of Bethel, especially the Bethel Players, to hear this story:

Last fall I asked my niece, Miriam, if she would like to invite her disabled friend, Walt, to join us for the Bethel play. He was struggling, after moving into a care facility. He needed more help than he could get at home. He accepted the invitation to see *Reanimated: The Bride of Frankenpastor* and had a wonderful time, expressing to Miriam that it was more fun than he had enjoyed for ages!

A few days later he died unexpectedly. His death was sooner than was expected. I just want all of you, the Bethel Players and Bethel members and friends, to know that you truly gave a special gift to this kind and compassionate man! And I give thanks that you share your gifts to bring joy and laughter to so many!

YDIC Summer Camp Preregistration

If you interested read the letter in the weeks Bethel Blast. Direct link:https://gallery.mailchimp.com/de62ac9195b867478ad8a19cd/files/05458c22-b3c4-4789-8c6d-c57ed61ba454/Preregistration_letter_ydic_families.pdf

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Registration forms are our website <http://bethelpdx.org/youth-drop-in-center/>