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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 15, 2019

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.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, J. S. Bach

Welcome

Call to Worship

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us
and waste the gifts we have been given.**

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

let us worship God together.



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.

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Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



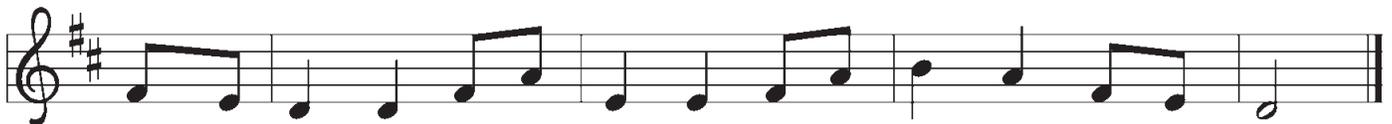
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Greeting

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

And also with you.



Hymn

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es,
wis - dom and strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion, Bless - ing and hon - or,
glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - - - lu - ia, Al - le - - - lu - ia.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

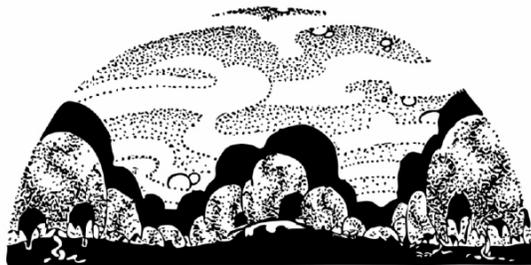
Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.



Hymn of the Day

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Prayers of the People

Response: God, 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

Offertory

Bist Du Bei Mir (If Thou Art Near), J. S. Bach

Offertory Music

Take My Live that I May be

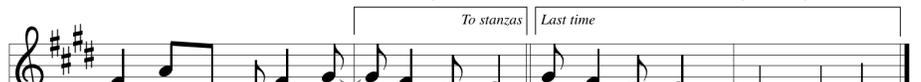
verses 1 & 2



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



To stanzas | *Last time*
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo
pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Offertory Prayer

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Teacher. Amen

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father and Mother
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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

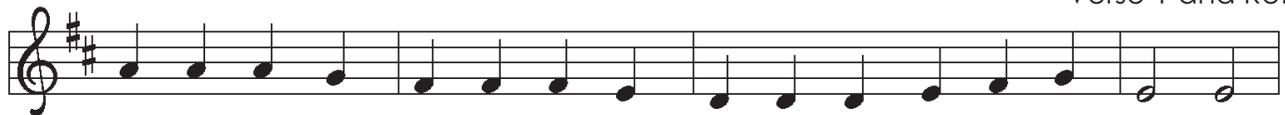
Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites all Creation to the table. Come, take your place at the feast.

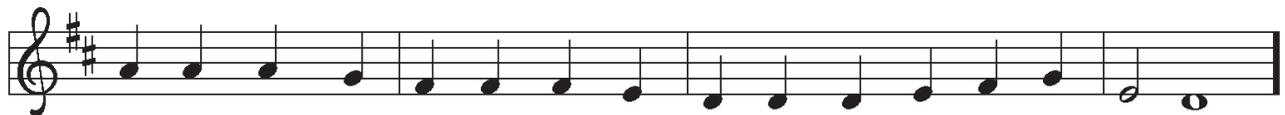
Hymn

In the Singing

Verse 1 and Refrain



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Communion Distribution

Communion Hymn

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Prayer After Communion

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received, Jesus Christ, 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.

WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen, verses 1, 2 & 3



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Gavotte from Suite No. 3, J. S. Bach

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For all victims of Hurricane Dorian, especially those in the northern Bahamas and on the eastern seaboard	Comfort, peace and healing, and energy and resources to rebuild and restore their lives.	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	Strength to advocate for justice, health care, education for all, encouragement to learn to talk through fears and communicate across boundaries, and courage to establish a "Just world for all"	Staff
For those who suffer from any affliction	Be close to all who are feeling the bitter winds of flagging hope and scarcity. Help us remember those who have been overtaken by the challenges of poverty, loss, unjust discrimination or exclusion.	Staff
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery. Peace and comfort as further treatment is discerned.	Pastor Core
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Bob Hoggard	Prayers of healing.	Becky McAllister
Paul Tweten	Prayers of peace and comfort following a diagnosis of inoperable prostate cancer.	Jim VanDyke
Family and Friends of Nicole Hess	Prayers for peace and comfort following her death.	Pastor Core
Karen Anderson	Prayers for continued healing after a difficult fall.	Staff
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Sept 15	Next Week - Sept 22
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Usher:	Joe Tancredi	Joe Tancredi
Reader:		
Communion:		
Preparation of the Altar:		

BETHEL NEWS



COMING UP:

- **September 15 | Council Meeting**, Following worship
- **September 20 | PDX Climate Strike - Join Bethel Community**
10:30 am rally at City Hall followed by a March. Details below
- **September 22 | Choir Rehearsal**, 9 am in the Sanctuary
- **Oct. 11-13 | Women's Retreat at McKenzie Bridge**

OTHER NEWS

The Great Bethel Camp Out 2019 Recap!

The 2019 Bethel camp out, at Milo McIver Park, was a huge success!

We had a wonderful turnout! Many thanks everyone who participated in organization and work to make the event so successful! The meals were delicious, the company was superb and the fresh air was cleansing. We can't wait to do it again next year!



Bethel's Choir

Everyone is welcome to join in on the singing and celebrating. And, thank you to everyone who sang through some of our upcoming music and through bits of others. Please continue to give Jamie your feedback about what piques your interest and is joyful for you to sing. If the music selections are challenging (either positively or negatively), she would like to hear that too. Your feedback is critical as worship planning for the fall continues.

Upcoming Choir Dates for your Calendars:

- Sunday, September 22, 9 am Rehearsal and 10 am Worship Service

Worship and Music

Starting this Sunday, we will be learning together a new liturgy, written by internationally recognized Oregon musician, Christopher Wicks. This liturgy, written for Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Salem, uses the traditional liturgical language of the Lutheran liturgies set to new and fresh music. This liturgy comes to us from our Music Director, Jamie Webster.

This Sunday, Jamie will introduce us to the Kyrie; and over the next few weeks, we will be learning one new portion of the liturgy each Sunday.

A little something about Christopher Wicks

Christopher serves as the organist and choir accompanist at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in West Linn. He holds a Masters in Music in Organ Performance from the University of Oregon and a Masters in Music in Composition from the University of Montreal. His compositions have been performed to great acclaim throughout North America, South Korea and in Europe.

Women's Spirituality Group | 9/28 - 8:30 am location?

Bethel women's spirituality group is alive & well! You are welcome to join us:

We will continue on in Jan Richardson's book "In Wisdom's Path", using pages 111-117 as a reference.

*Care of the soul is a continuous process that concerns itself not so much with 'fixing' a central flaw as with attending to the small details of everyday life as well as to major decisions and changes. **By Thomas Moore***



Upcoming meetings: 10/10 - 7 pm and 10/26 - 8:30 am

Bethel Women's Retreat | October 11-13, McKenzie Bridge

Register with Jackie Calder was September 13. The final cost of the weekend will be determined when we know how many women are joining us; are estimating about \$175-\$200 for the weekend.

Our weekend will focus on Brene Brown's book *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead*. The book is available on amazon.com in paperback for \$9.34 and we urge you to read through this book between now and the retreat.

Join us for a weekend of learning, prayer, reflection, relaxation, and relationship. We'll start with Compline on Friday evening and then ease our way into blessed conversation on Saturday morning.

Let Pastor Christine know if you will need scholarship help for the retreat or for the book purchase.



Join the PDX Climate Strike with the Bethel Community | 9/20 at 10:30am, City Hall

This year saw unprecedented warming across the planet, including record-breaking fires, storms, and drought. Our kids' future depends on all of us acting now.

- Strike at City Hall
- March Across the Hawthorn Bridge
- Climate Festival outside OMSI

Pre-Rally Gathering with EcoFaith at 10 am

EcoFaith Recovery, a faith-based effort grounded in the Christian tradition, is holding a pre-gathering at 10 am at Terry Schunk Plaza (SW 4th near Portland City Hall) for people of faith to access our spiritual power, our relational power and act together. Look for the EcoFaith Recovery banner. Bring a group, wear something that identifies your community and bring instruments to make a joyful noise

Join Us at 10:30 for Rally

You are invited to join the PDX Climate Strike with others from the Bethel community on Friday, September 20 at 10:30am. We will meet for a rally in front of Portland City Hall and then march across the Hawthorne Bridge to the Eastside Esplanade near OMSI for a full-day Climate Festival with speakers, tabling, artwork, music, climate movement orientations and community building activities.

If you would like to meet up with others from Bethel for the rally, please call or text PJ Bentley at 503-313-7431.

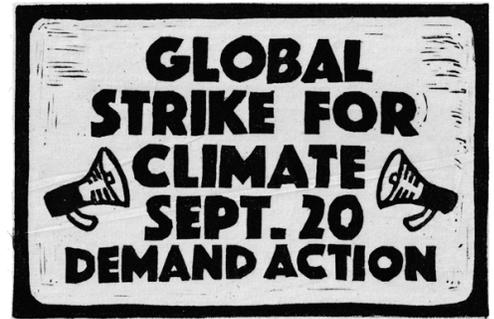
Find out more at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/pdx-climate-strike-4>

Bethel Building Repair Update

Great news in the church annex and in the basement, sheet rocking and taping and mudding are underway and we have a quote from Classique Floors for all the flooring replacement, with VCT, LVT, and porcelain tile. We are staying in contact with all the responsible parties to move this forward. Keep us in your prayers!!!

Parsonage Update

- In the new kitchen, the electrician added the new vent hood over the island on Thursday.
- On the stairs, the new carpet is in and it looks gorgeous!



Mobilize with us!

On Sept. 20, at the request of the young people who have been staging school strikes around the world, we're walking out of our workplaces and homes to spend the day demanding action on the climate crisis.

Join the Climate Movement!

climatestrikeoregon.org

The Parable of The Good Shepherd - The Lost Sheep

