



# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2020

## 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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## WE GATHER TOGETHER

**Prelude**

*"Te Deum"*, Marc Antoine Charpentier, arr. A. Grant

**Welcome and Announcements**



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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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

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

## First Reading

*Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]*

A reading from Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!  
Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.  
Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"  
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.  
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.  
Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.  
Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?  
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?  
Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many  
generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm 112:1, 4, 5, 9

Congregation sings the refrains and the lines printed in boldface type. In each line, the pitch changes at the underlined syllables.

Refrain (listen first time, then repeat)

Refrain: **Light shines in the darkness for the upright.**



Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord, \* and have great delight in God's commandments.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs with justice.

**They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; \* they will hold up their heads with honor.**

Refrain: **Light shines in the darkness for the upright.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

A reading from First Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.]

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

P: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to\_ whom shall we\_ go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

**Matthew 5:13-20**

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## Children's Message

**Sermon, Jim Van Dyke**

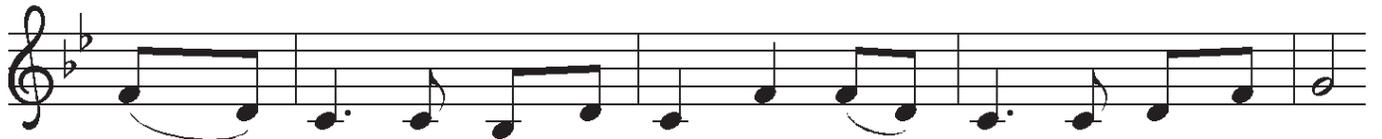




1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their righ  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' drea



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly glean



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.



## Prayers of the People

Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel; the well-being of creation; peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community; the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely; all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; the congregation, and special concerns. Each portion of the prayers ends with these words: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## Peace

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

# THANKSGIVING

## Offering

*Soon and Very Soon*, Crouch/arr. Jack Schrader, Bethel Choir

## Offertory

*Let the Vineyards be Fruitful*

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim  
cup\_\_ of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with  
bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams\_\_ of all; u - nite\_\_ them with\_\_ the  
prayers\_\_ we of - fer. Grace this ta - ble with your pre - sence, Lord, ar  
grant us a fore - taste of the feast\_\_ to come.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Dear Savior, your mission is as urgent now as it was when you walked on earth. Use these gifts which we offer here according to your need, so that all your children might know your healing love, for your sake in this world. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

### *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are  
7 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the  
14 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

### 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.



# WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

## Announcements

## Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
and the source of our life together,  
keep you united in mind and purpose.

And the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you always.

**Amen**

## Sending Hymn

## Christ Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## Sending

Go in peace. Let your light shine. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
For the environment and all those working to bring about live-giving change	Grant us wisdom to care for earth and energy to act now for the good of future generations	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
Jennifer Nevills, former YDIC director	Struggling with heart disease.	Karen Anderson
Family and friends of Bob Haggard	Prayers of peace after Bob Haggard's death Tuesday morning. We pray God may wipe all tears from their eyes.	Becky McAllister
David Gyles	Peace, assurance of God's presence and comfort; freedom from pain. Prayers of comfort for his companion Sandy Morris.	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Mary Rix	Prayers for continued healing after a successful surgery.	JulieAnn Edman
Faith Moser	Prayers for Faith, Joann Noll's mother to regain strength as she prepares to leave a skilled nursing facility.	Joann Noll
June and Wayne Hassebroke	Prayers healing and comfort as June recovers from surgery.	Bethel Care Team
The Fletcher Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as the family prepares for the upcoming trial.	Bethel Care Team
Travis	Prayers for peace and comfort as he battle with personal demons.	Anthony
Cody Jay	Prayer of peace after his girl passed away.	G.
<b>Our prayers continue for many among us:</b> for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		

Stewardship of Service	Today - February 9	Next Week - February 16
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:		Joan Beck
Lay-Led Service of the Word	Jim Van Dyke	
Music Director	Jamie Webster	Jamie Webster
Musician		
Usher:		
Reader:	Karen Anderson	
Communion:	Brady and Stephanie Burdick	
Preparation of the Altar:		

# BETHEL NEWS

## ✝ SERVICE SCHEDULE:

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- **Feb. 16**, Pastor Joan Beck
- **Feb. 23**, Pastor John Beck

## COMING UP:

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- **Feb 9 | 70th Birthday/Retirement Party for Pastor Moe**  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at Leaven, 5431 NE 20th Ave
- **Feb 15 | Women's Spirituality Group**, 8:30
- **Feb 16 | Council Meeting**, following worship
- **Feb 29 | Women's Spirituality Group**, 8:30 at the Edman's

## SAVE THE DATE:

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- **Sept. 11-13 | All Bethel members and friends are invited to the 2020 Annual Bethel Camp-Out**  
This will be at Milo McIver State Park, at the Steelhead site, where we were last year. Contact Scott Burris, Tana Bishop or one of the other Campers Extraordinaire.

## OTHER NEWS

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### Good News for our Lenten Traditions!

#### Ash Wednesday

Pastor Larry Jorgensen, official FOB, is helping with Ash Wednesday with Jamie Webster.

#### Remainder of Lent

We will continue into Lent with our Lenten practice of Wednesday soup suppers with Jaime Vandenberg as our musician for the Holden Vespers to follow the soup suppers.

Sign up sheets will be available each Sunday, both for attendance and for helping with a pot of soup.

#### Schedule

- 2/26 | 7:30** Ash Wednesday Service
- 3/04 | 6:15** Soup supper & **7:15** Holden Vespers
- 3/11 | 6:15** Soup supper & **7:15** Holden Vespers
- 3/18 | 6:15** Soup supper & **7:15** Holden Vespers
- 3/25 | 6:15** Soup supper & **7:15** Holden Vespers
- 4/01 | 6:15** Soup supper & **7:15** Holden Vespers

**Contact person:** JulieAnn Edman  
593-984-7930 (text or call)  
jedman999@gmail.com



## Pastor Moe's 70th Birthday/Retirement Party

**What:** You're invited to 70th Birthday/Retirement Party for Pastor Moe

**When:** Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm

**Where:** Leaven, 5431 NE 20th Ave.

Please RSVP: Tmoex1@gmail.com

### **Wanted!!! Audience Members for Dress Rehearsal, Thursday, February 27 at 7:30 pm**

We need audience members for our dress rehearsal on February 27th at 7:30 pm. The price is right....it is free. So we are asking all members and FOB's to please come and help us out on this night....even if they have tickets for another show. It will definitely improve and they will get to see the improvement.



### **Bethel Players Present Clerical Errors**

#### **Performance Dates:**

- **Dress Rehearsal Feb 27** | 7 pm, Free
- **Friday Night Informal Feb 28 & Mar 6** | 7 pm, \$15 advance or \$17 door
- **Saturday Matinée Feb 29 & Mar 7** | 1:30 pm, \$10 door
- **Saturday Dinner Feb 29 & Mar 7** | 7 pm, \$20 advance or \$22 door
- **Sunday Dessert Mar 1 & Mar 8** | 3 pm, \$15 advance or \$17 door

#### **Purchase Tickets Online at Eventbrite**

**Direct link:** <https://clericalerrors.eventbrite.com>

**Call:** 503-285-4919 and leave a message to reserve tickets

**or email:** [bethelplayers@bethelpdx.org](mailto:bethelplayers@bethelpdx.org)

### **Women's Spirituality Group, 2/15, Saturday, 8:30 am at Bethel**

**NOTE:** *this is a change in location.*

#### **Come have fun with us at Bethel!**

We plan to dabble in art by making pictures and/or masks using the medium of collage by bouncing off of Jan Richardson's idea about trying to imagine the different faces of God or the different faces we want to show to God. If you have the book "in Wisdoms Path" check out her musings on page 38. She talks about learning "...how to show our true faces to God and to one another." Also remember, we're getting close to Mardi Gras. Come have fun with us at Bethel. Finger food will be available to munch on as we bring out our imagination and have fun together!

**Future Saturday Dates:** 2/29, 3/14

Blessings to all, JulieAnn, 503-984-7930, [jedman999@gmail.com](mailto:jedman999@gmail.com)