



19th Sunday after Pentecost & Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi

October 3, 2021

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us, whether in-person or via Zoom, 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. 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.

Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the bread of Life.”

Pet Blessing

The Blessing of Pets will be during the first part of the service--right after the Prayer of the Day. Please have your pet(s) ready. The Blessing will involve you laying a hand on your pet(s) if you are on zoom, or you may bring your pet(s) forward to the Pastor if you are in the sanctuary. The Pastor will say a prayer of blessing for them all. God created these magnificent creatures, saved them in the ark, and promised them a place in heaven, according to the vision of St. John in Revelation, who wrote: “I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, singing, ‘To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might, forever and ever! Amen!’” (Rev. 5:13).

Prelude

Call to Worship (based on the Prayer of St. Francis)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

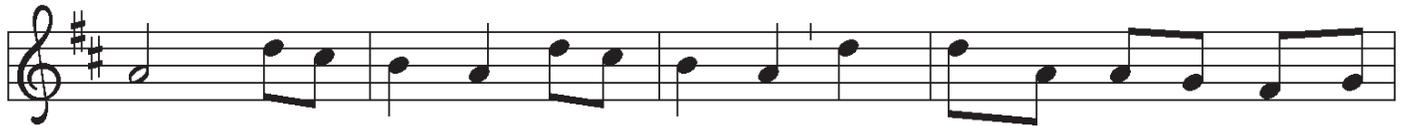
**Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where
there is sadness, joy.**

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life!



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



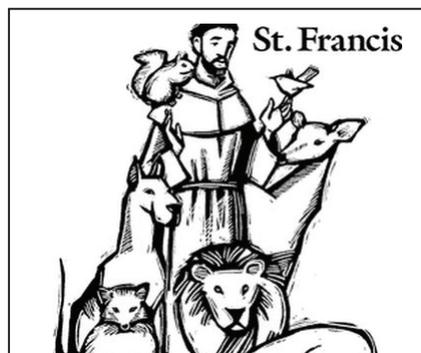
bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.



Contemporary Song

As The Deer/I Set My Heart, Matt Gilmon

My soul longs and even faints for the courts of the Lord
Lord, my heart and my flesh cry out for you, O God
You're my sun and my shield, you give grace and glory
No good thing will you withhold from those who seek your face

Just as the deer pants for the water brook,
So pants my soul for You, O God

I set my heart on a pilgrimage through the valley of weeping I will go
I set my heart on a pilgrimage until I appear before God in Zion

THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Beloved God, you have created us to live in loving community with all creatures, and in loving harmony with all the earth. Form us for life that is faithful and love that is steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, following the example of your servant, Francis, who treasured and cared for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lover of our Souls. Amen.

Blessing of Pets



The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

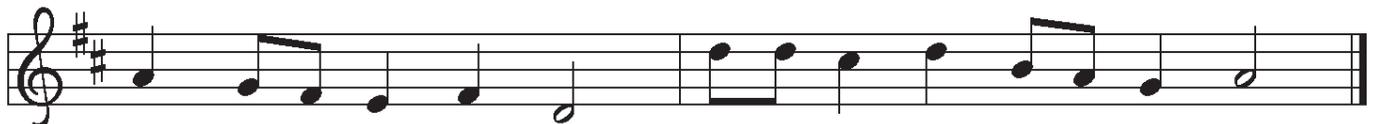
Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



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Gospel Reading

Mark 10: 2-16

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord!

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

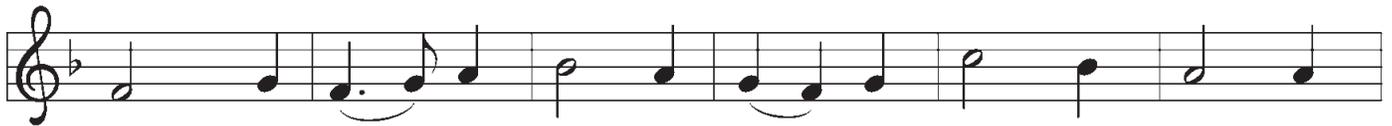
Children's Time

Sermon



Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1, 2 & 4



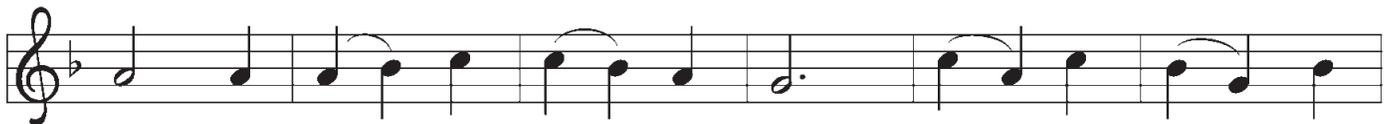
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Offering and Affirmation of Giving (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.

We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.

We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.

We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.

For Christ has died. Christ is risen. And Christ will come again!

Donate online at <http://bethelpdx.org/donate/> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171 or donate by mail.

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink.

Living God, Giver of Life, as your Spirit moved over the waters at creation,

Move over bread and cup and grace our table with your life-giving presence!

As your Spirit filled disciples on the day of Pentecost,

Set our hearts on fire with your love and empower us for ministry through this meal!

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

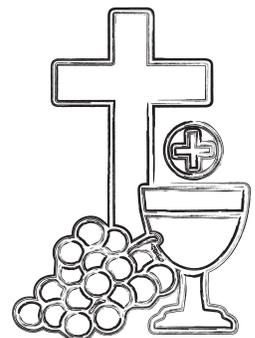
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Music



SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn

The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Blessing

Blessing

Gracious God, Creator, (+) Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Postlude

Sharing the Peace

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

You may remain on zoom to share the peace and visit with your Bethel Family.



Stewardship of Service	This Week - Oct 3	Next Week - Oct 10
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee	Rev. Dr. Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Summer Kaplan

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
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 all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Pray for health, stamina, well-being, and passion for learning for all educators, students, families, and supporters!	Ronda Bard
Faith St. John	Healing & support as she undergoes cancer treatment.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David & Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
The Griffin Family	Prayer for Harry as he continues physical therapy & chemo, but is in good spirits.	Staff
Katie Reitel and her Family	Prayers for peace and comfort as Katie is in hospice care with a long battle with brain cancer. She is at home with her husband Matt, her 7-year-old son Teddy, and her mom Liz. Please keep her and family in your prayers during this difficult time.	The Bentleys
Jim Van Dyke	Prayers for Jim after his surgery while he undergoes further treatment for cancer.	Karen Anderson
Cheyenne and Kent Marx, Pastor Glenn's niece & husband	Prayers for Cheyenne and Kent Marx as they live through the consequences of the accident that killed Glenn's nephew Colton.	Karen Anderson
Mitch Fletcher & Family	Prayers for Mitch Fletcher and his family.	Karen Anderson
Gina Marie	Prayers of healing for Gina Marie as she continues to recover from injuries.	Holly Redfern
The Bethel Call Committee	Prayers for clear thinking, compassion, and stamina for the Call Committee!	Rhonda Bard
Mary Hollingsworth (Kathleen's mom)	Prayers of healing for Mary Hollingsworth, recovering from a broken leg	Holly Redfern
Rose Marie (Ray Bard's niece)	Prayers for Rose Marie, in the midst of wildfires and evacuated from her home.	Holly Redfern
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for Leo Lawrence, being treated for kidney cancer.	Karen Anderson
Family & Friends of Joan Barber	Peace for the family and friends of Joan Barber, who died April 25, 2021.	Ronda Bard
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Patricia Connor.		

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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Full news online bethelpdx.org/weekly news

10/1 Updates from the Call Committee
10/1 Goodbye Miss Joanie!

Updates from the Call Committee

October 1, 2021

Your Call Committee has been busy these last three weeks!

Following installation at the 10:00 am worship service of Sunday, September 19, we met with Pr. Scott that same evening to move ahead in understanding our own call as a committee and our responsibilities to the congregation, the synod, and the pastoral candidates. We walk in tension between the idealized transition described in the Synod's guiding document, *Congregations in Transition: Discerning Our Future Together*, linked **HERE*, and the realities of the timelines and choices that face us.

On Monday, September 20, the Call Committee met with Juan Carlos La Puente, Assistant to the Bishop, Oregon Synod, to learn more about the call process and to receive names and profiles of candidates for our prayerful evaluation. This past Monday, September 27, we met again to continue discernment of each candidate's gifts and possible match to Bethel. During the next two weeks, we will conduct online introductory interviews of these candidates. After those interviews and committee evaluation, we will make decisions about possible formal interviews.

Who will be our next Pastor? Whenever this question pops into your head, please stop for a minute to pray for your Call Committee! We need your blessings and prayers to accomplish the sacred work that you have entrusted to us.

Personal note from Ronda: *Please accept my profound apologies for omitting Marlo Edman from the list of Call Committee members in the Bethel Blast of September 10. As noted in the worship program of September 26, Marlo has not resigned and is an important part of the committee and the call process. Forgive my bumbling omission!*

Personal note from Summer: *Please accept my apologies for inadvertently not sending out the blast on 9/17. Some you may have seen these updates in the end of the paper bulletin because there was extra space at the end to fill. That week the blast was ready send, I thought I sent it; however, I was mistaken. I've seen how hard the Call Committee is working to be transparent in this process and I accidentally got in the way of that.*

The Call Committee thanks you for your prayerful support!

Ronda Bard (chair)

Jared Burdick

Ryan Burghard

Marlo Edman

Cate Milburn

Andrew Van Dyke

Jamie Vandenberg

Good-bye, Miss Joanie!

Joan Barber died April 25, 2021. The obituary reprinted below (with permission) appeared in The St. Johns Review, Vol. 118 - No. 17 August 20, 2021 <http://www.stjohnsreview.com/>. Find a collection of family photos at her Skyline Memorial obituary, linked **HERE*.

Joan was a lifelong friend of Bethel and the BLCW, and she was a Bethel member for many years. Joan loved working as cook and kitchen manager for the Bethel Neighborhood Youth Drop-In summer programs, where the children called her Miss Joanie. The Drop-In kids misheard her name for her popular minestrone soup, re-branded as Miss Joanie Soup, and often begged her to make another batch.

From The St. Johns Review:

Joan Barber passed away this last April. She was born in 1934 in Virginia MN to Grant Sherman and Agnes Jensen. Her husband, Lawrence Barber (Gene) and brother Clifford (Cliffy) predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Catherine, David (Linda), and Michael (Kari), and grandchildren Christopher and Jessica.

Joan will be greatly missed. Mom lived a full life raising three children and countless dogs. She was involved in various churches during her life (Bethel Lutheran, Peace Lutheran, Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran, Holy Cross Catholic). She became a devoted Seahawks fan in her later years and was buried wearing her blue and green jersey.

Burial was a small family gathering at Skyline Memorial Gardens. Please visit their website for Joanie's pictures and life. Please make any memorial contributions to any drop-in center or food charity organization in need.

**Please access the online versions to view links.*



October Birthdays

4 Solveig Elise Spencer
7 Joann Noll
10 Marlo Edman
16 Beverly Cleverly
21 Michelle Schilz
23 Ryan Marquardt
24 Lisa Siems
26 Mary Bentley
30 Breziah Dunnigan
30 Robin Moody

The Worship & Music Committee is Recruiting!

The Worship & Music Committee is recruiting new members!

Do you like music? Do you like worship? Do you know nothing about worship or music? Then you are an ideal candidate for the Bethel Worship & Music Committee!!

Not only can you contribute to the style and sound of our worship services, but you can also be an active part as we hire our next Bethel Music Director! The W&M committee meets every 2nd Wed of the month, though we can adapt our schedule for new members. Come one come all and help us worship the Lord!

If interested, please contact Ryan Burghard (ryanburghard@hotmail.com).

Thanks, Worship & Music Committee