

The Service for the Lord's Day
Bethel Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 11, 2009 – 11:00 AM

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Responsive Call to Worship**

When work lays claim to us, and busy-ness seduces,

Jesus says to put first things first.

When we put pressure on ourselves to be more, better, faster,

Jesus says to put first things first.

When decisions loom and choices multiply,

Jesus says to put first things first.

When worries wake us up at night,

Jesus says to put first things first.

When faith makes its claim upon our time, ourselves, our lives,

Jesus says to put first things first.

***Opening Prayer**

Eternal God, you have been our resting place throughout the ages. Generations come and pass away, but you abide forever. We praise you for your presence among us. You bring us comfort amid our trials, clarify when confusion persists, peace in the midst of conflict, and hope of eternal life. Hear us now as we pay tribute, in glad adoration that you are God of our lives. Amen

***Hymn of Praise # 262** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

G. W. Warren

Call to Confession

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips our pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are indeed separated and alienated from our better self,
separated and alienated from God.

Let us confess our separation and alienation.

Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

Corporate Prayer of Confession

God of abundance, through your grace we are blessed. We try to live in obedience to your commandments, but we cling to our goods, and want even more. When called upon to give sacrificially, we go away grieving, for we have many possessions. We are afraid to give them up. Are we cast out of your kingdom? O God, forgive our selfish fears. Nothing is impossible for you! Turn our stinginess into generosity, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ ... *(silent & personal confession)* Amen.

Sung Response # 572

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us to take our parts in the drama of redeeming love.

People: Praise God, who accepts and uses our very human lives in the unfolding story of salvation and new life!

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri # 579

Glory Be to the Father

H. W. Greatorex

Minute for Mission: Christmas Basket Ministry

Jane Walsh

Choral Anthem

By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 90:12-17

New Testament Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon

Discipleship

The Rev. Patricia Harvey

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** **The Apostles Creed** *(Traditional)*

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***Hymn of Response # 376** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Moment for Ministry

Gary Griffith

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude in E Major

J. S. Bach

***Doxology # 592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Dedication of Tithes and Offerings**

THE SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Blessing # 526**

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

***Charge**

***Benediction**

***Response to the Benediction # 538** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

*Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.*

***Postlude**

Praise His Greatness

Arr. Mark Hayes

***Please stand, if you are able.**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Liturgist: Frank Harris

Pianist: Mary Hook

Choir Director: Laura Walker

Ushers: Teresa Hettrick and Alfred Rybka

Sound: Greg Murr

Acolytes: Charlie Coen and Henry Coen

BETHEL STAFF

Rev. Patricia Harvey – Parish Associate

Rev. Richard Hettrick Th.D – Pastor Emeritus

Deb Hyder – Parish Nurse

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Susan Cutts – Administrative Assistant

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for fellowship, study and service . . .
seeking God's peace, justice and love ~



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS:

We extend a warm welcome from Bethel Presbyterian Church!
We invite you to participate in signing the Friendship Folders adding your name
and address and if you desire a church newsletter or a pastoral call.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we say "sins...sin against us"
rather than "debts..." or "trespasses..."

Prayer requests can be noted on the cards provided in the pew racks,
please put those in the offering plate.