

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 2021

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Prelude and Tolling of the Bell
Coming of the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

Morning Call to Worship:

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask. Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Hymn of Praise....."I Am Thine, O Lord".....#419

*Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Observe the Peace of Christ: (John 14:27) ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."***

Psalter....."Psalm 1.....#738

Children's Time....."Jesus Loves Me".....#191

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Old Testament Lesson.....Proverbs 31:10-31

Epistle Lesson.....James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Prayer of Confession:

God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather straightforward, hypocritical rather than sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind.

Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned positions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our peacemaker. Amen.

*Gospel Lesson.....Mark 9:30-37

*Hymn of Hope "I Need Thee Every Hour".....#397

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith....."The Apostles' Creed".....#881

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *(baskets are placed at the entrance and exit for your convenience)*

*Doxology.....#95

*Offertory Prayer

Sermon....."Sitting On The Fence".....Rev. Ben Rogers

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Commitment....."I Surrender All".....#354

*Benediction: *No One Made Us Judge*

As we leave this place of sanctuary, let us go out into the world with the understanding that we are not to judge those who are not like us. We will no longer make distinctions like saints and sinners, but we will consider everyone blessed because we all are children of the Almighty God. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

^^ **Please remember during/after the tolling of the bell occurs to be seated and prepare your hearts for worship.** ^^

Lectionary Readings (18th Sunday after Pentecost)

Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **Wednesday, September 22-** Bible Study begins at Bethel at 6:30pm!
We will be finishing up with the series “Be Like Jesus.”
- ❖ **Sunday, September 26-** Nominations Committee Meeting (4pm at Bethel)
- ❖ **Starting Sunday, September 26-** Bethel UMC will begin “Laundry Love!” We will be collecting quarters during worship service to benefit a local laundry mat in Winnsboro!
- ❖ **Sunday, October 3-** Committee Meetings at Bethel UMC
Trustees-3pm; Finance-4pm; Church Council-5pm
-Feed The Hungry Sunday (Please bring your non-perishable items during worship for Fairfield Community Food Bank)
-World Communion Sunday (We will be partaking in the sacrament of Holy Communion during our worship service.)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 10-** Monticello Administrative Council Meeting (directly following worship service)
- ❖ **Sunday, October 31-** Charge Conference 2021 (12pm at Bethel)

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel UMC by
Ms. Jackie McDaniel for the glory of God.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Ellen Bradley, Allen Brock, Don Gunter, Helen Suber & Family, Sammie Burley, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Sandra Harrison, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Bruno Schrieber, Irene Dukes, The Robinson & Nunamaker Family, The Houck Family, Tom & Brenda Davis Brenda Crone & Family, Laura Collins, Sandra Pherigo, Gretchen & Guy Burley Harvey Hutto, Buck Morrison, Ernie Crawford, Sandra Harrison

Bethel UMC- Bob Bazinet, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, William Bundrick, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Epworth Children’s Home, Buddy Beckham, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Gary & Lana Swancey, Billy Neal, Ford Sweeney, Jimmie & Gloria Parker, Elisha Carbonaro, Mike & Alona Shook, Jan Velez, Sheryl Ashford, Todd Cornwell, Jerry Arnold, Mary Cathryn Wilson, Joseph Schachner, Glenn Mack, The Inman Family, Marian Faile, Huley Perry, Baker Norris, Terry Dent, Heather Bruorton, unity in our county, state, nation, and world,

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