

BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

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

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

*Call To Worship Hymn.....“He Is Lord”.....#177

*He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*Call To Worship

Come, friends, to a great celebration. In the midst of trouble, God is with us.
**We come from our wanderings, our lost places; we bring our struggles,
our lost souls.**

God, who created all things, loses nothing. Do not fear: God holds you very close.

With hope for life and life eternal, we offer our prayers and praise to God.

*Hymn of Worship.....“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”..... #64

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

God of Jesus and our God, waken us to your handiwork blossoming all around us in this season.

Waken us to your loving presence, and awaken within us a recognition – like a child recognizing a loving parent.

Enable us to have an inward dialogue with you, and to eagerly receive empowerment from your Spirit.

Then let this whole church awaken into song, born not of habit but of love and delight. In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen!

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 116”.....#837 & 838

“O praise the Lord, who delivers your soul from death.”

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Old Testament Lesson.....Proverbs 1:20-33.....Pg.552

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson.....James 3:1-12.....Pg.216

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson.....Mark 8:27-38.....Pg. 41

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon.....“**Clear Eyes, Full Hearts, Carry the Cross**”..Rev Ben Rogers

*A Prayer of Bold Confession and Surrender *(please join in unison)*

Heavenly Father,

In the stillness of our hearts, may we boldly declare You as Christ, the living Savior, the One who leads us beyond our comfort and calls us into greater faith.

Help us deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow You with courage.

When the world tempts us to gain everything but lose our souls, remind us that true life is found in surrender to Your will.

Empower us to stand firm in our confession, embracing Your path, even when it is hard, for we know that in You, we find life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn of Faith.....“Where He Leads Me”.....#338

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed”.....#881

Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Offertory Prayer

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Salvation.....“How Great Thou Art”.....#77

*Benediction:

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*

^^ When our worship ends, our service begins! ^^

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Monday, September 16- Covenant Prayer Group (10am)
- ❖ Tuesday, September 17- Mature Years (11am)
- ❖ Sunday, September 22- PPRC Meeting (5pm)
- ❖ Wednesday, September 25- Bible Study: Letter of Jude (6:30pm)
- ❖ Sunday, September 29- Trustees Meeting (5:30pm) *will meet in the choir room if needed
- ❖ Sunday, October 6- Blessing of the Animals Service (4pm) & Finance Committee Meeting (5pm)
- ❖ Sunday, October 13- Bethel Church Council (Time TBA)
- ❖ Saturday, October 26- Fall Festival (5pm)
- ❖ Wednesday, November 6- Charge Conference (7pm)

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Prayer Thought of the Week

A Bible that's falling apart often belongs to one who isn't.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of God by Mrs. Heather Bruorton.

Bethel Methodist Community Church: August Financial Information

Expenses: \$10,347.31

Income: \$13,766.22

We Are in Prayer For:

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove,
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,
Jerry Arnold, Mary Cathryn Wilson, Joseph Schachner, Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe,
Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis, Willie Long, Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry,
The Burroughs Family, Michael "Red" Wilson, The Hill Family,
The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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