

**BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 13, 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

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see the hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who knows all the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

\*Hymn of Worship.....“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”..... #110

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

**God our Friend, you are far more majestic than human mind can ever conceive, and more loving than our deepest feelings can ever explore.**

**Yet we want to offer you the best we can do in thought and devotion, and offer the enthusiasm of our songs and prayers.**

**Holy are you, wonderful are you, awesomely humble are you, God of time and eternity!**

**Glory and honor, thanksgiving and praise, belong to you now and always. Amen!**

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 22:1-18, 25-31”.....#752 & 753  
**“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.”**

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.....Job 23:1-9, 16-17.....Pg.446

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

Epistle Lesson.....Hebrews 4:12-16.....Pg.206

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

\*Gospel Lesson.....Mark 10:17-31 .....Pg. 43

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

\*Prayer of Confession and Renewal *(please join in unison)*

**God of grace: we offer you, our lives. We confess we are often stingy in our gifts of time, of talents, of treasures.**

**We confess our addiction to the idols of consumerism and that, as your church, we have often fallen headlong into the culture's seduction.**

**Forgive us and free us to joyful simplicity, that we may be signs of grace to your world. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Faith.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....#400

**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

Sermon.....“Faith Focus Sermon Series”.....Rev. Ben Rogers

**Living Out Your Faith in a Busy World: Prioritizing Faith Amid Daily Demands**

**Go and Share the Love of God**

\*Hymn of Salvation.....“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”.....#514

\*Benediction

It's time to start moving back along those separate paths from which we have come. None of us can predict what this week may bring, but there is one certainty: the resources of the God, who engineered the whole universe, will be there for you. You may be tested, you may suffer, you may waver and become weary, but you will not finally be overcome. God is your strength and salvation.

**Amen! God is our strength and salvation!**

The blessing of God all-loving, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you today and evermore. **Amen!**

\*Postlude

*\*Please Stand If Able*

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

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ Thank you for your generosity towards the “Disaster Relief Team” of the Global Methodist Church as we collected \$2,220 last Sunday. We are collecting another love offering today. If you choose to give, please mark “DRT” on your check and/or offering envelope.
- ❖ Stephen Greene Baptist Church is collecting coats for Mud Creek Baptist Church in Hendersonville, NC. If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office (500 7<sup>th</sup> St.) M-TH 9am-12pm.
- ❖ **Today-** Bethel Church Council (5pm)
- ❖ **Tuesday, October 15-** Bethel Nominations/ Lay Leadership Committee (6:30pm)
- ❖ **Wednesday, October 16-** Bible Study: Book of Jude (6:30pm)
- ❖ **Saturday, October 26-** Fall Festival (5pm)
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 6-** Charge Conference (7pm)
- ❖ Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due November 18-25. If interested, please pick up a box today!

### **Prayer Thought of the Week**

There isn't anything coming up this week that you and the Lord can't handle.

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

### **Bethel Methodist Community Church: September Financial Information**

Expenses: \$9,559.18

Income: \$10,378.95

### **We Are in Prayer For:**

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,  
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,  
Joseph Schachner, Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter,  
Frankie Lewis, Willie Long, Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry,  
Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael “Red” Wilson, Nancy Dail, Amanda Godfrey,  
Family of Robert Davis, Family of Jerry Arnold, Family of Lisa Bowen,  
Those affected by Hurricane Helene, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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