

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn 11

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

•Charge and Benediction

•Congregational Response “Go with Us, Lord” #535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and ev-ery com-ing day,
That in Your Spir-it strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.

Postlude

**THIS WEEK AT
BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

July 16th - July 22nd

Today “Share the Bounty” Sunday

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

Monday 7:00 Boy Scouts

7:30 Young Life Meeting

Tuesday 6:30 Men of the Church

Wednesday 7:00 Summer Vespers Service &
Concert

7:30 Young Life Meeting

Thursday August Tower Mailing

2:00 Prayer Fellowship Group

Next Sunday, July 23rd:

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship/Four Cents A Meal Offering

*Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Teams
return from Baja*

Serving During The Worship Service Today

Greeters John & Mary Ann Anderson

Offering Charlie Johnson Briana Lawhorne
Marty Simmers Dale Thompson

Nursery Chris & Therese Schooley

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THE SESSION

Class of 2017

Kenneth Miller

David Schooley

Kathy Swisher

Jill Webb

Class of 2018

William Brubeck

Daniel Gano

Rhonda Johnson

Marion Simmers

Class of 2019

John Davis

Tabitha Moore

Robert Olson

Mac Williams

THE DEACONS

Class of 2017

Tammy Barbour

Barbara Gough

Charlie Johnson

Marty Simmers

Class of 2018

Wade Cash

Briana Lawhorne

Brian Lee

Joe F. Williams

Class of 2019

Ellen Fitzgerald

D. W. Miller

Alex Sproul

Dale Thompson

THE TRUSTEES

Class of 2017

Kenny Olson

Dale C. Smith

Class of 2018

Guy D. Brooks

Joe F. Williams

Class of 2019

Dan Gano

Lee Ann Heizer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Almarode, Moderator Stephanie Rivers, Co-Moderator & Secretary
Sarah Frances Ralston, Treasurer

Circle Leaders

Afternoon Circle - Barbara Gough & Jackie Law

Evening Circle - Irene Elliott & Louise Hoy

MEN OF THE CHURCH

Mac Williams, President

Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the PCUSA worldwide missionaries.

Please pray for our missionaries:

Rev. Michael & Rachel Weller and the people of Ethiopia

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Mission Statement

We strive to live peacefully with all and
respect one another while loving and serving
the Lord; our doors and mission are
open to all.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 16th, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

• Please feel free to stand as you are able.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We consider your presence with us a blessing from God. You are encouraged to greet one another in friendship and love. When the Chiming of the Hour starts, you are invited to prepare yourself for the worship of God.

Chiming of the Hour - Westminster Chimes**Welcome & Announcements** *(please pass the friendship pad)***Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation****Organ Prelude****Preparation for the Word****The Call to Worship**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord all the earth.

Leader: Sing and give praise to God's name;

All: tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**•Hymn 269***"O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand"***Call to Confession****Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*Moment of Silent Confession***Kyrie 572 "Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"****Lord, have mercy upon us.****Christ, have mercy upon us.****Lord, have mercy upon us.****Assurance of Pardon***And all God's children Joyfully respond: Alleluia, Amen!***•Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks #106** *(refrain)***Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.****Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His Name.****Children's Sermon***"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, All the chil-dren of the world**Ev-'ry col-or, ev-'ry race, all are cov-ered by His grace;**Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.***•The Peace**

Leader: . . . The peace of Christ be with you all!

People: And also with you.**•Gloria Patri** (#579)**Proclamation of the Word****Prayer for Illumination****Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 25:19-34 *(page 21)* (RSV)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he took to wife Rebekah, the daughter of Bethu'el the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean. And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is thus, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born of you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. The first came forth red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they called his name Esau. Afterward his brother came forth, and his hand had taken hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was boiling pottage, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red pottage, for I am famished!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

"Shy Choir" Anthem: *"How Great Thou Art"**Those who will, join us around the piano as we sing hymn 467.**(English words only with full harmony.)**Large print sheets will be provided.***New Testament Reading:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 *(pages 12-13)* (RSV)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!**Sermon** "A Sower Went out to Sow" Thomas J. Carrico, Jr.**Response to the Word****•Apostles' Creed** *(Traditional - page 14)***•Hymn Insert** *"A Sower Came From Ancient Fields"*
*tune of "America the Beautiful"***Joys & Concerns****Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer****Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.****The Offering of Tithes & Gifts**
Offertory**•Doxology** (#592)