

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 1st, 2017

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

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)*

Mac Williams

Moment of Silent Prayer/Meditation

Prelude

Preparation for the Word

The Call to Worship *(Psalm 25)*

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: O God, in you I trust.

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

People: Lead me in your truth and teach me;

Leader: For you are the God of my salvation;

People: For you I wait all day long.

Leader: Good and upright is the Lord. He instructs sinners in the way.

People: He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

•Hymn 473 *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Eternal God, as the Christ, you showed us that love looks not at its own interests but to the interests of others. We lament how little we resemble you in your humility, dedication and love. We are driven too often by ambition and conceit. We defend our views arguing without understanding. We speak of love but resist the sacrifices love requires. Gracious God, you are at work in us. Fill us and shape us with your spirit, that we may do your will and work for your pleasure, loving neighbors as ourselves.

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

Leader: Hear and believe this good news. Through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, our sins have been forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. As we have been forgiven, so may we forgive others.

•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

Anthem *"Creation Will Be At Peace"*

Adult Choir

Words: J. Paul Williams (1937-2010)

Music: Anna Laura Page (b.1943)

Based on Isaiah 11:6-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 *(pages 21-22)*

(Revised Standard Version)

And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you a question; and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From men,' we are afraid of the multitude; for all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither

will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *"The Authority of Jesus In Our Lives"*

Rev. Joseph Condro

Response to the Word

•Apostles' Creed *(Traditional - page 14)*

•Hymn 434 *"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"*

Joys & Concerns

Mac Williams

Prayers of the People/The Lord's Prayer

Amen #583 - Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory

•Doxology (#592)

•Prayer of Dedication

•Hymn of Invitation to Communion 507 *"I Come with Joy"*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Invitation

Sanctus Hymn 581 **"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Sharing of the Sacrament

•Hymn 505

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

•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**

October 1st - October 7th

Today	World Communion Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:15 Diaconate Meeting 12:15 PWCT Meeting
Monday	7:00 Boy Scouts 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Choir 7:00 The Bells of Bethel 7:30 Young Life Meeting
Thursday	2:15 Prayer Fellowship Group

Next Sunday, October 8th:

*9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
7:00 Session Meeting*

Serving During The Worship Service Today

<u>Greeters</u>	Wade & Phyllis Cash
<u>Worship Service Assistant</u>	Mac Williams
<u>Offering</u>	Tammy Barbour Barb Gough D. W. Miller Dale Thompson
<u>Nursery</u>	Eloise Moore, Elizabeth Mulcahy

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and
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THE SESSION

<u>Class of 2017</u> Kenneth Miller David Schooley Kathy Swisher Jill Webb	<u>Class of 2018</u> William Brubeck Daniel Gano Rhonda Johnson Marion Simmers	<u>Class of 2019</u> John Davis Tabitha Moore Robert Olson Mac Williams
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<u>Class of 2017</u> Tammy Barbour Barbara Gough Charlie Johnson Marty Simmers	<u>Class of 2018</u> Wade Cash Briana Lawhorne Brian Lee Joe F. Williams	<u>Class of 2019</u> Ellen Fitzgerald D. W. Miller Alex Sproul Dale Thompson
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<u>Class of 2017</u> Kenny Olson Dale C. Smith	<u>Class of 2018</u> Guy D. Brooks Joe F. Williams	<u>Class of 2019</u> Dan Gano Lee Ann Heizer
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Cindy Almarode, Moderator Emily Williams, Co-Moderator
Stephanie Rivers, 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.*