

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 26th, 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

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.

GATHERING**Ringling of the Bell****Chiming of the Hour**

The Bells of Bethel

Welcome & Announcements *(please pass the friendship pad)*****Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.***Gathering Song***"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

*Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
The fel-low-ship of kin-dred minds
Is like to that a-bove.*

****Presentation of the Colors******Pledge to the American Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

****Pledge to the Christian Flag**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.

Prelude

"Morning Prelude" by Jerry Westenkuehler
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WE APPROACH GOD****Call to Worship**

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us.

People: *May God's face shine upon us and bring us peace!*

Pastor: Let all people praise you, O Lord.

People: *Let all the nations shout their joy to your holy name.***All:** *Thanks be to God, for God's eternal light, love, and blessing.*****Hymn of Adoration 192** *"Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining"*****Prayer of Adoration****Preparation for Confession**

Eli English

Hymn of Preparation 417 *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me" (verses 1-3)***Call to Confession****Unison Prayer of Confession**

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Confession**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Let the light of God's eternal love and the remembrance of your baptisms flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you.

People: *This is the gift freely given to us by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. AMEN.*****Celebration of God's Grace 614** *"Great Are You, Lord"***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call to the Young People****Conversation with the Young People & Five Cents A Meal****Prayer of Illumination****Anthem**

"Creation Will Be at Peace"
Sanctuary Choir

Gospel Reading: John 15:6-19
Acts 16:9-15

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!***Message**

"Change of Heart"
Rev. Kelly-Ann Rayle

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Hymn of Reflection 490** *"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"***Reception of New Members**

Pastor Kelly-Ann: *NAME*, we have professed our faith as one body. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and mission through your prayers, and gifts, your study and service and so fulfill your call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Person: *I will, with God's help.*Pastor Kelly-Ann: *Now remember your baptism and be thankful and know that the Holy Spirit is at work within you.***Person:** *Thanks be to God!*Pastor Kelly-Ann: *Welcome to the ministry we share in Jesus Christ!***Sharing of Joys & Concerns****Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer***"Amen"**Amen. Amen. Amen.***Invitation to Share****Reception of Tithes & Offerings**

****Doxology 606**

****Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

****Hymn of Sending 300**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

****Retiring of the Colors**

****Charge and Benediction**

****Congregational Response 337**

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (verse 1)

*My coun-try, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of lib-er-ty,
of thee I sing:
land where my pa-rents died,
land of the pil-grims' pride,
from ev-ery moun-tain-side
let free-dom ring.*

**** Postlude**

Billy Brooks, Trumpet

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Officer of the Day: Kathy Swisher

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Bethel Presbyterian Church

Easter Sermon Series:
"The Unexpected Acts of God"



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