

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 18th, 2019

10th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

***Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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 - Westminster Chimes****Welcome & Announcements**

Kathy Swisher

(If you are a visitor please take a moment and fill out one of the visitor cards located in your pew rack & drop it in the offering plate later on during the worship service. Welcome to Bethel!)

****Passing of the Peace**

Leader: May the peace of God 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 Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.*

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
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Prelude

Sara Ann Lamb

WE APPROACH GOD****Call to Worship**

Eli English

Leader: Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!

People: *Saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!*

Leader: Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!

People: *All who see and share God's love, Alleluia!*

Leader: Let us join with saints of all times and places to sing,
Alleluia!

****Hymn of Adoration 463***"How Firm a Foundation"***Prayer of Adoration****Call to Confession**

Leader: If we sin, we have a great high priest, even Jesus Christ who intercedes for us. Therefore, let us together confess our sins to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

People: *God of Mercy:
we confess that we have often failed to live
as your beloved children. We have set our minds
on the things of this world, and we have neglected
the inheritance of love you bestow upon your saints.
Forgive us. Strengthen us through your Spirit that
we will follow in the way of your law and love,
through Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.*

Silent Confession

Rev. Roxana Atwood

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Christ has offered himself as the sacrifice for our sins and not for our sins only but for the sins of the whole world.

People: *Hear the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Amen.*

****Celebration of God's Grace 616 "Our God Is an Awesome God"****WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Call to the Young People**

Rev. Roxana Atwood

Conversation with the Young People**Anthem**

"Blessed Be the Day"
Bethel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Roxana Atwood

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-40

Hebrews 11:32-12:1-2

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon*"So Great a Cloud of Witnesses"*

Rev. Roxana Atwood

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****Hymn of Reflection***"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Verse 1 *I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back*

Verse 2 *The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
The world behind me the cross before me
No turning back no turning back*

Verse 3 *Though none go with me I still will follow
Though none go with me I still will follow
Though none go with me I still will follow
No turning back no turning back*

Verse 4 *Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
Will you decide now to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back*

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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****Affirmation of Faith***Apostles' Creed (page 35)***Sharing of Joys & Concerns**

Rev. Roxana Atwood

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*Amen. Amen. Amen.***Invitation to Share****Reception of Tithes & Offerings******Doxology 606******Prayer of Dedication****SENDING******Hymn of Sending 326***"For All the Saints"*****Charge & Benediction****** Postlude**



Bethel Church Session

Class of 2020

John Davis
Tabby Moore
Bob Olson
Mac Williams

**Serving a one year term*

Clerk of Session

Class of 2021

Derek Almarode
Pat Quick
Kathy Swisher

Dave Schooley

Class of 2022

Jimmy Callison
*Dan Gano
Dave Schooley
Tim Turner

Sessional Committees

Christian Education

John Davis

Communications

Tim Turner

Continuing Education

Jimmy Callison, Dan Gano

Mission

Kathy Swisher

Nominating

Bob Olson

Outreach & Evangelism

(currently vacant)

Personnel

Tabby Moore

Stewardship & Finance

Derek Almarode

Worship

Tammy Barbour (Co-Chair)

Pat Quick (Co-Chair)

Youth

Mac Williams



Bethel Church Deacons

Class of 2020

Ellen Fitzgerald
D.W. Miller
Alex Sproul
Dale Thompson

Class of 2021

Katie McElveen
Joe Moore
Linda Tenney
Drury Whitaker

Class of 2022

Wade Cash
Charlie Johnson
Brian Lee
Katie Miller

Co-Chair Wade Cash

Co-Chair Charlie Johnson

Secretary Linda Tenney

Diaconate Committee

Congregational Care

Barb Gough (Co-Chair)

Drury Whitaker (Co-Chair)

Serving During Worship - August 18th

Worship Leader: Kathy Swisher

Greeters: Bob & Louise Hoy

Offering: Ellen Fitzgerald, Brian Lee,
Katie McElveen, Joe Moore

Children's Church: Penny Lee

Nursery: Joe or Sally Williams



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Sarah Williams, Receiving Treasurer

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Donna Bush and Carol Sprouse, Custodians



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.

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