

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 20, 2019

Gathering

Prelude and Tolling of the Bell

Coming of the Light

Greeting: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.
(Isaiah 5, 3c)

Welcome and Announcements: Life and Work of the Community

Opening Prayer.....(*adapt. Richard Allen, AME Bishop, USA, 19th cent., alt.*)

We believe, O Lord,

that you have not abandoned us to the dim light of our own understanding of what it means to achieve happiness,

but that you have revealed in Holy Scriptures

whatever is necessary for us to believe and practice.

How noble and excellent are your teachings,

how sublime and enlightening is your truth,

how persuasive and strong are your intentions,

how powerful is the assistance of faith in your Son and Holy Spirit,

how splendid are all of your gifts and promises,

yet how unworthy we are to receive them.

Our delight is in your law and love, and we will not forget your Word.

Amen.

*Opening Hymn.....“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”.....#384

*Psalter.....Psalm 19.....UMH 750

*Hymn.....“Glory Be to the Father”.....#71

Young People’s Message

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Blessing and Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

*Passing the Peace

†Anthem.....BUMC Chancel Choir

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson.....Jeremiah 31:27-34

Epistle Lesson.....2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 18:1-8

Sermon.....“Covenant”Rev. Will Altman

Response

*Hymn.....“He Leadeth Me”.....#128

*Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles’ Creed”.....#881

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Hymn.....“Here I Am, Lord”.....#593

*Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction

*Going Forth of the Light

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able
† Bethel UMC only*

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Making Disciples Through Bible Study Wednesday at 9-11am.
- ❖ Charge Conference Report next Sunday during Announcements.
- ❖ Mark your calendars and spread the word! The Annual Harvest Festival will be here soon on Nov 2 from 5-7p. Come join us in the Fellowship Hall for fun and games for all ages. Remember to dress up for the Costume Contest!
- ❖ Pastor Jim will be in Myrtle Beach for the rescheduled 2019 Bishop’s School of Ministry Oct 29-31.
- ❖ If you are interested in making Christmas a very special time for a child in need check out “*Christmas with Epworth*”. This program provides gifts that bring smiles and excitement for the children to open on Christmas morning! Not only will they receive gifts on Christmas but also new clothes, school supplies, birthday gifts, special trips like going to the movies, and, of course, all of their day-to-day needs the other 364 days of the year. Your donations will be used to provide for their needs throughout the year. In some ways, every day is like Christmas at Epworth! To see the Christmas Wish List or the General Campus Wish List go to: <https://www.epworthchildrenshome.org/christmas/>

Lectionary Readings for (20th Sunday After Pentecost):

Joel 2:32-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church & Monticello UMC is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it is revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Elen Bradley, Mack Bradley, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, Rebecca Cassadallace, Darlene Coker, Robert Davis, Noelani Dirnbauer, Nita Goff, Lenny Goldman, Lindsey Gunter & the Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Carolyn Hinson, Kevin Knight, Bobby Mack, Sam Mack, Kenny Martin, Sharon Marler, Audrey Miles, Will Pope, Anne Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Eddie & Sybil Robinson, Carole Sinkbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Calvin Stanley, Peggy Steller

Bethel UMC- Loen Arrington, Joan Baber, Bob Bazinet, Betty Jo & Harry James Beckham, Donovan Cassellas & the Cassellas family, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Norma Grice, Gabriel Herman, Stephen Keller, Lila Lake, Paul Leitner, Frank Martin, Jackie McDaniel, Debra Obert, Sherrill Perry, Greg Robertson, Sonja & Liz Rogers, Anne Stewart, Ford Sweeney, June Wedeking, unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

Special Thanks for:

Music

Monticello UMC Pianist, Dorcas Ligon

† Bethel UMC Pianist, Ben Hornsby & BUMC Choir:
John Glass, Lewis Hobgood, Melinda Truesdale, and Carol Martig

† **Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Doris Mae Leitner

† **October Security**

Hugh Leitner, Jr.

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of having “open hearts, open minds, and open doors.” If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. We welcome all requests to consider membership and we are more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

James B. Rogers, Pastor

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