

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 17, 2019

Gathering

Prelude and Tolling of the Bell

Coming of the Light

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship: Thank the LORD; call on God's name; proclaim God's deeds among the peoples; declare that God's name is exalted.

Sing the LORD, who has done glorious things; proclaim this throughout all the earth. (Isa. 12:4-6)

Prayer of Confession.....*Joe Sereman (alt.)*

You asked for my hands that you might use them for your purposes. I gave them for a moment then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life that you might work through me. I gave you a small part that I might not get "too involved."

Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient and safe, and with people whom I choose. Renew me and send me out as a usable instrument, taking seriously the meaning of your cross.

Assurance of Pardon.....*Book of Common Prayer*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. If we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

*Hymn of Praise....."Tell Me the Stories of Jesus".....#277

*Psalter.....Psalm 118.....UMH 839

*Hymn....."Glory Be to the Father".....#71

Children's Message....."Jesus Loves Me".....#191

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.....Isaiah 65:17-25

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 21:5-19

Sermon....."But Don't Worry!"

Response

*Hymn of Assurance....."My Hope Is Built".....#368

*Affirmation of Faith....."The Apostles' Creed".....#885

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Peace....."It is Well with My Soul".....#377

*Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction

*Going Forth of the Light

*Postlude

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

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Covenant Prayer Group Meeting tomorrow at 11am.
- ❖ This Tuesday at 11am Mature Years will depart from church parking lot to drive to Golden Corral for Fellowship Luncheon.
- ❖ A special collection for Epworth Children's Home will be taken up on December 1.
- ❖ 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 (24th Sunday After Pentecost):

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-69

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

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- Carol & Ray Ball, 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, Jenny and Quinn Kaderly, 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, Pastor Terry Roof & The Roof Family, Sonja & Liz Rogers, Anne Stewart, Ford Sweeney, Toby Warpole, 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 Cookie Brooks

† **November Security**

Lewis Hobgood

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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