

A photograph of the Bethel United Church of Christ building, a stone structure with a prominent square tower. The tower has a red roof and a large arched window with wooden shutters. The main building has a red roof and several windows, including a large arched one. A sign in the foreground provides service information.

Bethel
United
Church of
Christ
November 12, 2017

BETHEL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
425 10323
WEDNESDAY SERVICE 9:30 A
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A
COME TO THE RACE
DEAR BROTHER, JOIN US

The People of God Gather for Worship

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

“The church still works. We don’t have a plan, but we have a community. We don’t have answers, but we have grace and peace. We don’t understand, but we’re present. Our hearts are breaking, but we have hope and we’re giving it away as quick as we can.”

- Pastor Kevin Cornelius, First Baptist Church, Karnes City, Texas

PRELUDE

Werde Munter, Mein Gemute

J. G. Walther

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS [✝]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 90

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

* HYMN NO. 634

To Us All, to Every Nation (vs. 1 and 3)

EBENEZER

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Thy Word

Music: Michael W. Smith

Text: Amy Grant

Refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way still you're there right be - side me. And



noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Da capo

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

(Pg. 746, Pew Bible)

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins - you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

PRAYER OF CORPORATE CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

RESPONSE NO. 298

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)

ORTHODOX KYRIE

Sing: *Keer-ree-A, A-lay-zone*

SECOND LESSON

Amos 5:18-24

(Pg. 747, Pew Bible)

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

RESPONSE NO. 298

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, have mercy)

ORTHODOX KYRIE

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONFESSION (in silence)

REFLECTION

Nearer My God to Thee

L. Mason

Arr. G. Lanier

THIRD LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

(Pg. 972, Pew Bible)

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the
 earth. O Lord, our Lord how ma - jes - tic is your name in all the
 earth. O Lord we praise your
 name. O Lord we mag - ni - fy your
 name: Prince of Peace, Might - y God; O Lord God Al -
 mighty.

SERMON

BURDEN BEARER

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Pachelbel's Canon

J. Pachelbel

* Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
 give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich"
 because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 632

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Siciliana

G. F. Handel

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Organist/Pianist: Judy Fiegel

Reflection: Horn Solo, Jennifer Bucholtz

Offertory: Susie Amrhein, flute; Cathy Moore, clarinet

Greeters: Mike Meranuck, Hayleigh and Kim

Ushers: Lori Tursak, Debbie Hibbard, John Heuser, Hailey Tursak, and
Joe Roberts

Acolyte: Ryan Amrhein

Lay Reader: Diane Seeger

Child Care: Michelle Jedele and Lilly Diuble

Altar Flowers: Given by Jean Martin and Nancy Loudin in memory of Grover Alber
and in honor of all veterans.



PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

Oct. 22 Family of Lorena Dieterle
Heather Wilson

Oct. 29 Family of Dwight Carr
Sheyenne Delaney
Austin Helber
Alan Holbrook
Family of Earl Meyer
Steve Night
Derek Olson

Nov. 5 Family of Yvette Hulce
Tim Mann
Ken Mshar
Victims and refugees from
violence in Rohingya

Nov. 12 Marie Bauer
Mike Croghan
Mary Jane Foley
Family of Braylon Griggs
Peggy Pierce
Family of Donna Sandborn
Richard Schaible
Family of Leonard Szpara
Roger Wilhelmi
Victims and families of the
Texas church shooting



THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

September 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines
January 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines
October 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy

EVENTS TODAY

- 8:15 a.m.** Confirmation class
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:40 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Praise Choir rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., Nov. 13 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Nov. 14 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters - Please come if you can. Material can be taken home and returned if you can't make it. Help is needed.

 7:00 p.m. Hearts and Hands
 Newsletter articles are due
- Wed., Nov. 15

 6:15 p.m. Memorial Committee meeting
 7:00 p.m. Mission Team meeting
- Sat., Nov. 18 **10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Reineck Fellowship Hall is reserved
 5:00 p.m. Alpha House Family Shelter
- Sun., Nov. 19
 8:15 a.m. Confirmation class
 9:30 a.m. Worship-baptisms
 10:40 a.m. Sunday School
 4:00 p.m. Choir Festival at Sharon UMC
- Mon., Nov. 20 **6:30-7:15 p.m.** Children's Choir rehearsal
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Nov. 14 **9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Thurs., Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day - No church office hours

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Sun., Nov. 12 **4:00 p.m.** Kalamazoo Ringers & Detroit Handbell Ensemble free concert at Chelsea First United Methodist Church
- Sat., Nov. 18 **8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Holiday Bazaar at Washington Street Education Center hosted by Chelsea Area Women's Service Club

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