

Worship at Bethel

August 26, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

“A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love.”

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* Please stand if you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

**We gather in the name of the Father. We gather in the name of the Son.
We gather in the name of the Spirit. We gather in the three in One.**

*GATHERING HYMN *“This Is My Father’s World”* LBW # 554

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS LBW p.77

*HYMN OF MERCY *“A Country Kyrie”*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Pew Bible page 213

PSALM Psalm 34:15-22 Pew Bible page 498

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, **and his ears are open to their cry.**

The face of the LORD is against evildoers,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears,
and rescues them from all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, **and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, **but the LORD rescues them from them all.**

He keeps all their bones; **not one of them will be broken.**

Evil brings death to the wicked, **and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20 Pew Bible page 1067

*GOSPEL VERSE *“Alleluia. To Whom Shall We Go?”*

*GOSPEL John 6:56-69 Pew Bible page 973

SERMON HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

LBW # 503

SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

*APOSTLES' CREED

LBW p. 85

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy.... **hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

"Count Your Blessings"

*OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION (*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

WOV # 783

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

WOV # 734

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

*BLESSING: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN

"Shall We Gather at the River" v.1,4

WOV # 690

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