

abounds in our lives, for the peace that enables us to embody your spirit of peace. In this time of worship, O Living Lord, remake us. In this time of worship, O Holy Spirit, fill us up. Remind us of our calling. Grant us the courage to be your people through the Risen Christ, the only One who sets us free. Amen.

Moment for Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*** SONG OF GRACE**

Insert: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (Verses 1 and 3)

Note: In the early 2000's, a movement arose called the "retuned" hymn movement, in which church musicians incorporated traditional hymns and songs with contemporary melodies and refrains. Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone), arranged in 2006 by Chris Tomlin and Louis Giglio, preserves the words of John Newton's hymn, using only the original stanzas as written in the 1700's, with an added refrain. Perhaps with an eye toward Newton's former occupation as a slave trader, this new refrain bursts forth with the triumphant declaration that God, through mercy, love, grace and the salvation of Christ, has removed our chains and set us free.

(Children are invited forward during the final chorus for their special time.)

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

SONG OF PREPARATION

Insert: "Here I Am to Worship" (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation sings verses 1 and 2.)

(As we sing, children may return to their seats.)

Note: This song was written in 2003 by worship leader Tim Hughes. "I'd been reading about the cross and thinking through Jesus' amazing sacrifice," Tim says of the lyrical theme. "Sometimes when God meets with us, we don't quite know how to respond properly. It's often too much for us to take in. Hopefully in a small way the chorus captures that: 'Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, worthy, wonderful.'"

SCRIPTURE ***Amos 5:6-17, 21-24***

ANTHEM *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* Hal H. Hopson

SCRIPTURE ***Matthew 22:1-14***

SERMON ***"God's Wide Welcome"***

SONG OF RESPONSE

Insert: "God Welcomes All" (Sing three times.)

Note: This "short song" as the Iona Community calls it, was written in 2008 by John L. Bell.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY *"With a Voice of Joy"* Patti Drennan

*** DOXOLOGY**

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND ILLUMINATION**

All: Lord, we thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you that we can always trust in you. You are an abundant God and out of your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it we

worship you and give our whole selves to you. Please now take it and use it for your kingdom and your glory. Extend and multiply its reach and influence we pray. May it be a great blessing to many. We ask all this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

*** CLOSING SONG**

Insert: "Shout to the Lord" (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation sings verses 1 and 2.)

Note: Worship Pastor Darlene Zschech believes strongly that singing new songs, especially from the Psalms, is a biblical mandate. This song, which she wrote in 1993 echoes several of the psalms, especially Psalm 47:1, "O clap your hands, all you people; shout to God with the voice of triumph." Later in the refrain, the phrase, "I sing for joy at the work of your hands" is drawn directly from Psalm 92:4: "For you, Lord, have made me glad through your work: I will triumph in the works of your hands."

*** BLESSING**

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE** *"Shout to the Lord"*

WORSHIP NOTES

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, as well as audio listening devices, are available from the Worship Welcome Team.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL LETTERS: On communion Sundays, five letters will be placed in the Narthex and then taken to Fellowship in Galbraith Hall. ***Please add a quick note to each letter ... these letters provide an important link to those members unable to join us during worship each week.***

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Will be observed on Sunday, June 2nd, Team 3 – Stacey Lucidore.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Cathy Misko; May 19th Stacey Lucidore

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: No Fellowship due to Mother's Day; May 19th Families SM - Z

CHILD CARE: Child Care rooms are open, but not staffed due to Mother's Day; May 19th The Stefancin Family

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 12: Pat & Bill Brown, Carole Legleitner, Stacey* & Brad* Lucidore; May 19th - Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz*, Bob Daschbach* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; May 19th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Courtney Kiesling; May 19th Robin Macherey

SOUND BOARD: Steve Kloc; May 19th Gail Anderson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of the Anderson and Schumann families, given by their loved ones.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hartley Baird, Hank Barr, Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Marilou Booth, Art Brandenburg, Pat Brown, Michele Cobb, Sueann DeFurio, Bob Dare, Linda Dermotta, Bob Ericson, Cliff Fair, Jean Fishel, Ginny Flynn, Bettyjean Gamble, Linda Hackett, Dick Jones, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Whitten Little, Russ Lautenschlager, Carol McDonald, Emily Parise, Leanne Parise, Donna Puglisi, Betty Ramsey, Dave Rawlings, Ann Reid, Sue Schoenberger, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Anne Unger, Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Ansley Virgin, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

Congregation Life

Weekly Newsletter

May 12, 2019

Reminder!

SUMMER BETHEL LIGHT ARTICLES are due to Kathy Young by tomorrow, May 13th. (Our Summer Bethel Light covers June, July and August.)

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: SHIM needs donations for its cleaning supply shelves. These items include dishwashing soap, cleanser, furniture polish and window cleaner. As always, any nonperishable food donation is greatly appreciated.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKING EVENT - SUNDAY JUNE 9TH: Check out the bulletin board at the bottom of the Narthex stairs. Each meal costs 34 cents ... we will be packing 10,000 meals at a cost of \$3,400. Please help by joining us on June 9th or making a contribution. Also, please pray for all those in this world who go hungry every day. We are God's hands and feet and we can end hunger!

2019 PER CAPITA GIVING: Do you know that each year Bethel Presbyterian Church supports the missions and services of the larger Presbyterian Church through our Per Capita offering?

The Pittsburgh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the National Presbyterian Church U.S.A. are funded by these gifts from each member congregation. The Presbytery keeps an eye on the bigger picture serving needs such as poverty, disaster assistance, abuse and neglect, but the key source of funding is the Per Capita giving from each and every member of the Presbyterian Church. Bethel Presbyterian Church was the recipient in 2018 from disaster assistance for all the flooding in Bethel and we were able to help our neighbors financially.

Bethel Presbyterian Church's Per Capita assessment for 2019 is \$33.05 for each confirmed member of the congregation, totaling more than \$9,000. You can do your part and pay the \$33.05 all at once or throughout the year. If you don't pay, BPC still has to pay the larger Presbyterian Church for each confirmed member, so we ask that you prayerfully consider and submit your families expected contribution for each confirmed member and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office.

Bethel Presbyterian Church is a very giving congregation and our offerings directly support dozens of local and global missions as well as the needs of those in our own church family.

In Christ's service,
BPC Finance Committee

OUR NEXT SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH (There is no Fellowship today due to Mother's Day.): Please bring your spare change on the 19th and place it in the cans at Fellowship Hour to help SHIM continue to offer food to struggling families in our area. In the last month, SHIM served 1,812 clients at their food pantries.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! Do you know of anyone connected to Bethel Presbyterian who is graduating school this year? Whether it is high school, college, trade school, grad school ... or anything else we may not have thought of ..., please let us know by May 19th so we can recognize him/her in worship! Please contact Kathy Young in the church office with the details (name of graduate, type of graduation, etc.). Thank you!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Just a reminder that we will accept donations for OGHs through May 26th. "Special Thanks" to the children who filled their fish boxes!

IN APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION OF JESSICA KOTILA'S SERVICE to Bethel Presbyterian Church, a purse has been established by Session. If you wish to contribute to this gift, you may forward your contribution to the church office or you can use the envelope that is provided today and place it in the collection plate. **Please make checks payable directly to Jessica Kotila. If mailing your donation, please send it to the attention of Nancy Carr. All contributions must be received in the church office no later than Monday, May 20th.**

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVOR'S DAY: On Sunday, June 2nd, your Stephen Ministers will hold the annual National Cancer Survivors Day Prayer Circle to honor those who have won their battle with cancer. It will immediately follow the service.

THANK YOU, COOKIE BAKERS! What a wonderful abundance of cookies we had for the Choir Concert Reception last Saturday evening! You provided such a beautiful and delicious assortment. It was very, very much appreciated. May you all be blessed for being such a blessing! ~ *The Membership Committee*

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CONTRIBUTE TO BPC "2019 PET PROJECTS": There are still plenty of opportunities for you to contribute, even just a small amount can make a big difference. Funding needed for Staff Training (\$1,000), Staff Appreciation (\$500), Supplemental Staffing (\$3,000), Small Groups (\$750), Student Ministry (\$2,750), Special Events (\$500), Special Musicians (\$2,500), Graphics/Listening (\$500), Mission Projects (\$5,000), Officer Training (\$500), Advertising (\$400). We are happy to report that Supportive Services is fully funded! Thank you.

Simply drop off your contribution to the Financial Secretary or place it in the offering plate with a note or subject line in the memo section stating your wishes.

Thank you,
Finance Committee



THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS
Celebrating our uniqueness and unity in Christ
through the Word of God, the music of the ages, and the stories of our lives...

April 28	Changes, Ages, and God's Enduring Purpose
May 5	The "Builders" - Fear Not
May 12	"Generation Z" - God's Wide Welcome
May 19	The "Busters" - Never Alone
May 26	The "Boomers" - Truth and Power
June 2	The "Bridgers" - Unfiltered
June 9	"Peas and Carrots"

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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Gen. 18:22-33, 1 Peter 5:1-11, Matt. 7:15-29)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
Guest Preacher: Jessica Kotila

Monday, May 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Jer. 30:1-9, Col. 1:1-14, Luke 6:1-11)

Bethel Light Articles Due
1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Jer. 30:10-17, Col. 1:15-23, Luke 6:12-26)

10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Coin Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Jer. 30:18-22, Col. 1:24-2:7, Luke 6:27-38)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Child Care Teacher Luncheon
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Study

Thursday, May 16 (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Jer. 31:1-14, Col. 2:8-23, Luke 6:39-49)

5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 17 (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Jer. 31:15-22, Col. 3:1-11, Luke 7:1-17)

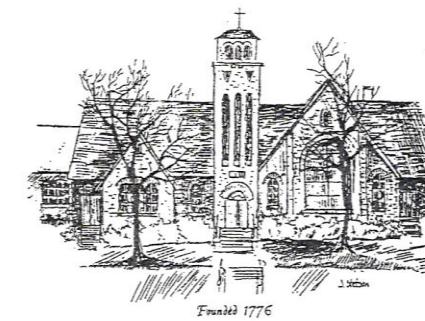
5:00 p.m. Ericson/Szott Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 18 (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Jer. 31:23-25, Col. 3:12-17, Luke 7:18-28, {29-30}, 31-35)

4:00 p.m. Ericson/Szott Wedding

Sunday, May 19 (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Isa. 32:1-8, 2 Thess. 2:13-17, Matt. 7:7-14)

9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor: Rev. Cathie Smith
Guest Preacher: Jessica Kotila
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Families SM - Z
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
May 12, 2019
10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

*** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.**

PRELUDE

"In Christ Alone"

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

All: The Lord is great in Zion: he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

One: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

All: Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

*** SONG OF ADORATION**

Insert: *"Holy Is the Lord"* (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation joins and sings verses 1 and 2.)

Note: Written in 2004 by Chris Tomlin, this song was inspired by the picture of worship around the throne of God in Isaiah 6 as the heavenly creatures sing back and forth to one another ... "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty. The whole earth is full of his glory!" Another picture of worship that finds expression in this song is from Nehemiah, where the people joined in a mass assembly raising their hands to God at the hearing of his Word, they bowed with their faces to the ground and together made this statement ... "the joy of the Lord is our strength."

WELCOME

THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS: GEN Z

*** SONG OF PRAISE**

Insert: *"How Great Is Our God"* (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation joins and sings verses 1 and 2.)

Note: This song, also written in 2004 by Chris Tomlin, came out of his reflections on Psalm 104 which declares, "You our lord are very great. You're clothed with splendor and majesty, wrap yourself with light as with a garment."

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All: Great and Holy God, we confess that oftentimes we miss the mark. We mess up. We fall short. We disappoint ourselves or others around us. Most of all, we have not done all that you would have us do. This is why we are here today: for community that corrects and inspires us, for worship that lifts our spirits, for the urgent reminder of your grace that