

Note: My Tribute was written in 1971 by Andrae Crouch after a conversation with a man named Larry, an ex-convict he had met while he was working as a counselor at Teen Challenge. Larry encouraged Andrae to read John, Chapter 17, where Jesus prays "Father, glorify me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was." Thinking about these words, Larry's story of recovery and God's work in his own life, Crouch joyfully said, "It's all about GLORY!" This song was his response.

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

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

#### SONG OF PREPARATION

*"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" (The Choir leads the congregation - sing two times.)*

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

Note: This chorus, written in 1973 by Steve Adams, expresses the renewed awareness that churches experienced in the late 1960's and 1970's of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit.

**SCRIPTURE**     **Romans 8:31-39**

**ANTHEM**                     *Reflection on "Holy Manna"*                     Sandra Eithun  
*(Brethren, We Have Met to Worship)*  
Bell Choir with Marilee Kline

**SCRIPTURE**     **Luke 19:1-10**

**SERMON**             **"Never Alone"**

#### SONG OF RESPONSE

Insert: *"The Family of God"* (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation joins and sings verses 1 and 2.)

Note: When Pastor Cathie was in late elementary school in the late 1970's, this song was one frequently sung in their church and her very favorite! This song was written in 1970 by Bill and Gloria Gaither. After a young father in their church was terribly burned in a work accident, their Pastor gathered the church together and told them that beyond expectation Ron had survived. "We're going to thank the Lord," the Pastor said, "and then we're going to see this thing through. This is just the beginning. There will be many needs ... let's think of how each of us can help. We are, after all, the family of God." Awed by their own congregation's response to the needs that Ron and his family faced and touched by the way that church families come together over and over to support one another, the Gaithers wrote this song.

#### OUR LIFE TOGETHER

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

**OFFERTORY**                     *"Walking 'Cross the Seas"*                     Pepper Choplin  
Chancel Choir

#### \* 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

*"In My Life" (The Choir leads the congregation.)*

Note: This prayer song was written in 1978 by Bob Kilpatrick. He wrote it for he and his wife, as a prayer they would sing before they went on stage to perform, to keep them grounded and humble before the Lord and God's will for them. When his wife, Cindy, heard it though, she knew it was a prayer many people would want and need to sing. It has been the sung prayer of many worshippers in many places since.

#### \* BLESSING

#### \* CHORAL RESPONSE

**\* POSTLUDE**                     *"Seek Ye First"*

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#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, Team 3 – Stacey Lucidore.

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#### MEMBERS IN SERVICE

**LITURGISTS:** Stacey Lucidore; May 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Helen Burroughs

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Families SM - Z; May 26<sup>th</sup> Families A & B

**CHILD CARE:** The Stefancin Family; May 26<sup>th</sup> Child Care rooms are opened, but not staffed due to the holiday.

**WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM:** Team 1: Greg Smith, Pam & Conrad Adomaitis, Tom Hultz\*, Bob Daschbach\*; May 26<sup>th</sup> - Team 2: Heather & Jim Hunter, Lora Spence, Mary Helen Burroughs\*, Kathy Crump\* (\*Chairlift)

**SANCTUARY COORDINATORS:** Pam Decker; May 26<sup>th</sup> Carol MacDonald

**GRAPHICS TEAM:** Robin Macherey; May 26<sup>th</sup> Courtney Kiesling

**SOUND BOARD:** Gail Anderson; May 26<sup>th</sup> Frank Jackson

#### CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Bill Daschbach, given by Emily Daschbach.  
In Loving Memory of Barbara Little, given by her family.

**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, Kristi Wade, Edith Wallace, Russell York, Sam Zimmerman

## Congregation Life

### Weekly Newsletter

### May 19, 2019

**TODAY IS SPARE CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY:** Please place your donation in the cans at Fellowship 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 TODAY 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!

**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 9<sup>TH</sup>:** Please join the movement to end hunger by signing up to help pack food, contributing to the cost of the food or praying for those all over the world who go to bed hungry. The sign-up sheet is located at the bottom of the Narthex stairs along with envelopes for contributions. Checks should be made payable to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

**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

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Just a reminder that we will accept donations for OGHs through May 26<sup>th</sup>. "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. All contributions must be received in the church office no later than tomorrow, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**APRIL 2019 PLEDGES**

<b>Pledges YTD</b>	<b>\$67,351</b>
<b>Budgeted Pledges YTD</b>	<b>\$70,332</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$2,981</b>

As you can see, pledges received so far in 2019 have not kept pace with what is expected or needed to meet our ongoing ministry expenses. Because of this, in just the first three months of the year, we have needed to draw over half of the funds available to us from the endowment for the whole year. If you missed your pledges and offerings for a few weeks due to weather, illness or other reasons, please consider a catch-up donation to help the church continue its faithful ministry in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for your ongoing love and support of the church and all God is calling us to be and do.

**NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS' DAY:** On Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**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

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**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR**

**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. Dr. 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

**Monday, May 20** (Daily Readings: Psalm 97, 145, Jer. 32:1-15, Col. 3:18-4:18, Luke 7:36-50)

- Preschool Last Day
- 11:15 a.m. Child Care – Stretch and Grow
- 1:00 p.m. Church Staff Meeting
- 5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting

**Tuesday, May 21** (Daily Readings: Psalm 98, 146, Jer. 32:16-25, Rom. 12:1-21, Luke 8:1-15)

- 7:00 a.m. Primary Election Voting
- 10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

**Wednesday, May 22** (Daily Readings: Psalm 99, 147:1-11, Jer. 32:36-44, Rom. 13:1-14, Luke 8:16-25)

- Bethel Light Mailing
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipe Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Study

**Thursday, May 23** (Daily Readings: Psalm 47, 147:12-20, Jer. 33:1-13, Rom. 14:1-12, Luke 8:26-39)

- 1:00 p.m. American Sewing Group
- 4:00 p.m. Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting – Hampton Presbyterian Church
- 5:00 p.m. Kinder Karate

**Friday, May 24** (Daily Readings: Psalm 96, 148, Deut. 31:30-32:14, Rom. 14:13-23, Luke 8:40-56)

**Saturday, May 25** (Daily Readings: Psalm 92, 149, Deut. 32:34-41, {42}, 43, Rom. 15:1-13, Luke 9:1-17)

**Sunday, May 26** (Daily Readings: Psalm 93, 150, Deut. 15:1-11, 1 Tim. 3:14-4:5, Matt. 13:24-34a)

- 10:30 a.m. Worship  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour – Families A & B
- 4:00 p.m. REACH Meeting



**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**May 19, 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** "Jubilee!" Arnold Sherman  
Bell Choir

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\* SONG OF ADORATION**

*"This Is the Day" (The Choir leads the congregation.)*

*Note: This well-known chorus was written in 1967 by Leslie Norman Garrett. Mr. Garrett wrote many choruses promoting the singing of scripture, including this one based on a direct quotation of Psalm 118:24, set the words of the passage to a folk tune from Fiji.*

**WELCOME**

**THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS: THE BUSTERS**

**\* SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Father, I Adore You"/"I Love You Lord" (The Choir sings the first verse and chorus, then the congregation joins and sings verses 1 and 2.)*

*Note: Father, I Adore You, is one of the most enduring praise choruses of the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It was written by Terrye Coelho in 1972 when she was "driving a car and worshipping God". I Love You Lord was also written in 1972, by young mother Laurie Brendemuehl when she was going through a particularly difficult time, praying out of her brokenness while strumming her guitar and reading her Bible, asking God to give her something to say to him, when she had nothing to offer him. These beautiful words are what she was given ...*

**\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All:** Lord God, your love for humankind, present in the beginning of all things, extends throughout history and touches even my life. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect your love. Forgive us the many times when we take for granted all that you have done for us. Transform us, through your Spirit, and empower us to serve you this day and all days. Amen.

**Moment for Silent Prayer**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\* SONG OF GRACE**

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