

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024

# Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 15, 20



# All Are Welcome

We mean it when we say "all are welcome" – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you.

Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of God's children.

# Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GoD's house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets squirmy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the main door.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the "Lutheran Aerobics" of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

#### If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom is to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.



### KIDS

We will meet in Lentz Hall for age-appropriate Bible learning and activities. Older kids – be sure to bring your Bibles.

Grab a snack and join us "in back" after worship until about 10:45.

### **ADULTS**

Pastor Carolyn will meet with all interested adults in her office AND via Zoom. They will be using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gehard Lohfink. New folks are encouraged to attend, no prior knowledge necessary.

The Zoom link will be open at 10:25, and the conversation will begin at 10:30.

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Introduction to the day**: Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

# **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.

**OPENING SONG/PRELUDE** Come As You Are ©Ben Glove, David Crowder, Matt Maher

(Sung by Wing and a Prayer only)

#### **WELCOME**

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us

cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ. the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

#### **GATHERING SONG**

I Will Call Upon the Lord

©Michael O'Shields

Verse

I will call upon the Lord (echo)
Who is worthy to be praised (echo)
So shall I be saved from my enemies (echo)
I will call upon the Lord

Chorus

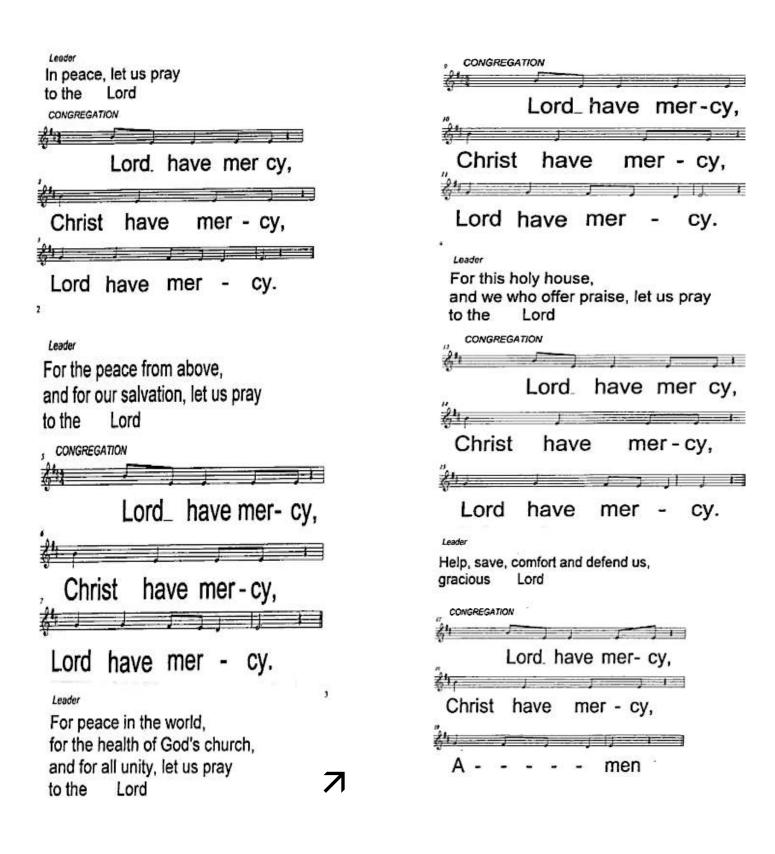
The Lord liveth
And blessed be my Rock
Let the God of my salvation be exalted
(repeat)

### **GREETING** (ELW p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

**KYRIE** *Kyrie* ©Kent Alleluia Liturgy

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** 

This Is the Feast

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Barbara Morris)

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GoD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**PSALM:** Psalm 116:1-9 (Barbara Morris)

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;

I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.

Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

<sup>8</sup>For you have rescued my life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;

<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING:** James 3:1-12

(Barbara Morris)

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

A reading from James.

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>§</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>§</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>§</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

#### KIDS' MESSAGE (Pr. Allen Dunn)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit to welcome the Gospel.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 8:27-38 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will

it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The gospel of the Lord.

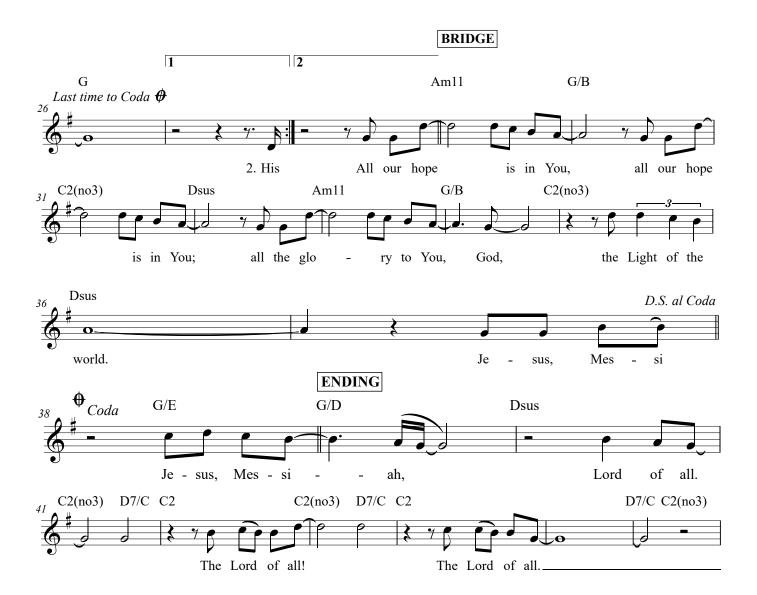
#### Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

#### **SERMON** (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Hymn of the Day.





#### **CREED**

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this Pentecost Season and confess our shared faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Please be seated

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Barbara Morris)

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God.

#### Your mercy is great.

Prayer requests provided by congregation members to be added here by reader.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

#### PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

### **MEAL**

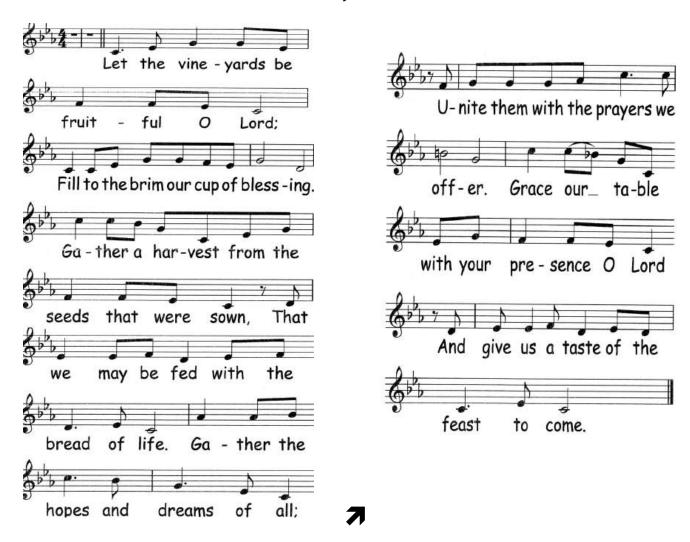
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **OFFERING**

We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us. Thank you so much for your continued support.

#### **OFFERING SONG**

#### Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

**Amen** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us using the language of our hearts. 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.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

All are welcome to join our communion celebration. Please have a seat and follow the directions of the pastor and the usher.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **BLESSING**

God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.







Please be seated.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 146)

After **brief** announcements related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium microphone, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the font.

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.



To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs \$9995. Your generosity helps us to meet our ministry goals.

#### Giving in September

9/1 = \$2545.06 9/8 = \$4256.06 9/15 = \$ 9/22 = \$ 9/29 = \$

Current Month Total = \$6801.12

TOTAL for August = \$8302.53

Thanks for your ongoing support of Bethel's Ministries!

## **Consider Online Giving**

Sign up for Online Giving at our website, <u>bethelroseville.org</u>

If you prefer to give by traditional check, please mail it into the church office at 1050 Douglas Blvd., Roseville CA 95678 or drop it into the basket during worship.

#### Use the QR code below to access egiving from your phone



### Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks. pastor@bethelroseville.org

pastor@betnelroseville.org (916) 781-3333 (office) or

# Today's Worship Team

Usher: John & Olivia D'Antonio

Reader: Barb Morris Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Scott Larson

**Altar Guild:** Loraine Anderson **Kids Message:** Pr. Allen Dunn **Musician:** Wing and a Prayer

### Next Week's Worship Team

**Usher:** Mavis Hotchkiss

Reader: Nancy Garman & Bruce Seiler

**Sound:** Rick Mendonsa **Zoom:** Scott Larson

Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Lisa Herlocker

Musician: Audrey Gale

# Upcoming Scripture Readings

September 22<sup>nd</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 11:18-20
- Psalm 54
- James 3:13 4:3, 7-8a
- Mark 9:30-37

# Prayer Requests

Yellow paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the Intersession.

It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.

# "Noisy Offering!"

Please consider dropping your spare change into the basket when it comes your way as a "noisy offering." When our youngest members help collect the offering each week, they may be confused when folks don't drop something in the basket. We keep the loose change offering separate and donate it to a local charity every few months.

# Nextrex Recycling!

As part of our commitment to Creation Care, we are collecting your clean, dry "soft" plastics like grocery bags, bubble wrap, Ziploc bags, and shipping envelopes to be recycled into an all-weather bench. Please leave donations in the bin at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank you so much for all of your donations so far – we're well on the way to our goal!



# save these dates! Additional fall activities!

Friday, September 27 – Game Night – starting at 6:30pm in Lentz Hall Sunday, October 6 – Budget Forum – following worship Saturday, October 19 – Oktoberfest – starting at 4:00pm at the Herlockers' Sunday, October 20 – Semi-annual Congregation Meeting – budget vote



Those interested in continuing the conversation on the ELCA Social Statement, "Civic Life and Faith" or just wanting to know more about it, are invited to join Pastor Carolyn via Zoom on Tuesday, September 17th from 11:30-12:30.

Join the meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81303929871?pwd=vC9yMzxHHRfYDxNKRfKanDCRcE7Vla.1

Meeting ID: 813 0392 9871 Passcode: 082958



September 4 – John D'Antonio September 4 – Kelly Mendonsa September 8 – Gwen Boswell September 16 – Tessa Boswell September 28 – Jacob Chan

Blessings to all of our September Birthdays.

Please let us know if we've accidently left

anyone off this list!

# Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because God welcomes all, knowing that God's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.

We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.

We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace.

We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.

In the Season of Pentecost, we celebrate that the Holy Spirit abides in and among us.

We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path.

Filled with the Spirit, we go out from worship to share God's love and grace among the vulnerable of our world.

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore with us. Welcome.

Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept – May)



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Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Maidu & Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

