

18th Sunday after Pentecost September 22, 2024

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

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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.



Sunday School for All Ages

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 10:50.

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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> Meeting ID: 896 3765 5924 Passcode: 295449

Introduction to the day: Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

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, \oplus 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 \oplus Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING SONG

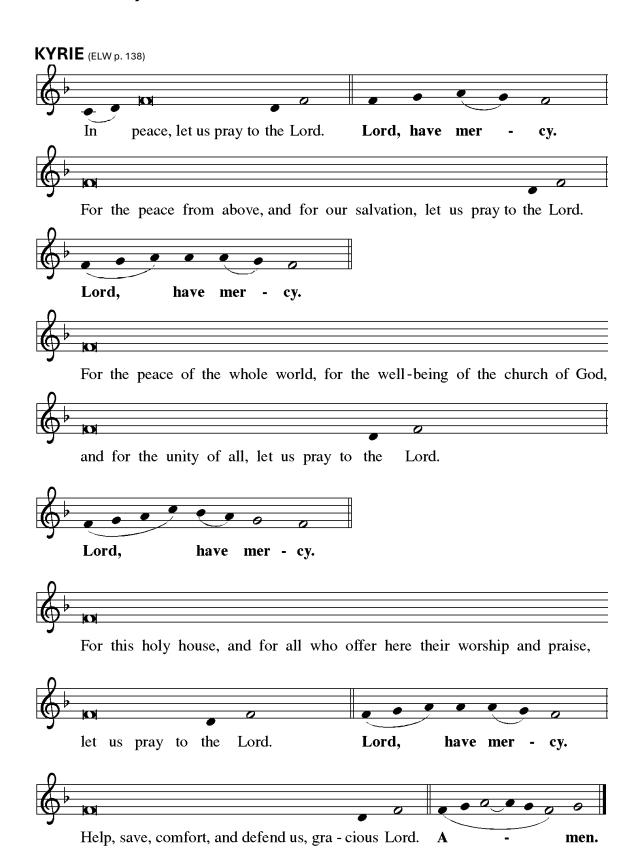
God, We Gather as Your People: For All the Children (ACS 1038)



GREETING (ELW p. 138)

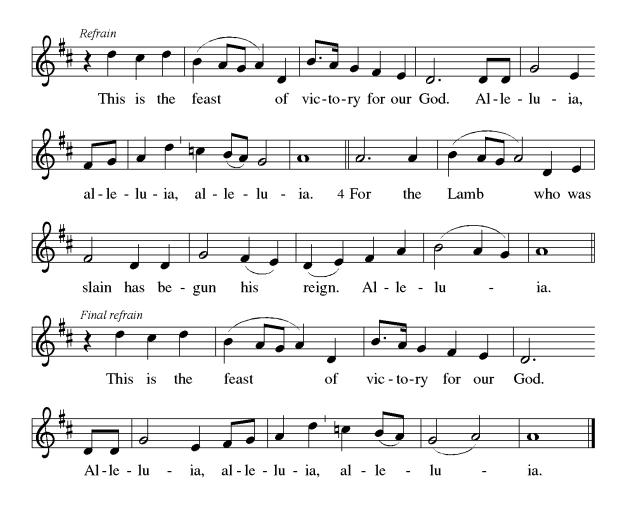
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 139)





PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20 (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A reading from Jeremiah.

- ¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.
- ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me

that they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

Dutyou, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54 (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a (Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

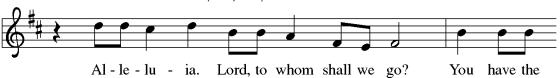
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE (Lisa Herlocker)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 142)





GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY Children of the Heavenly Father: Tryggare kan ingen vara (ELW 781)

Music and Lyrics on following page



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa ther safe ly in his bo som gath er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour ish.
- 3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for sak eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la-fäs-tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs-tet. nest-ling bird nor star in heav- en such a ref- uge e'er was giv- en. From all e-vil things he spares them, in his might-y arms he bears them. un- to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth. his the lov-ing pur-pose sole- ly to pre-serve them pure and ho- ly.

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

(Bruce Seiler/Nancy Garman)

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.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life 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.

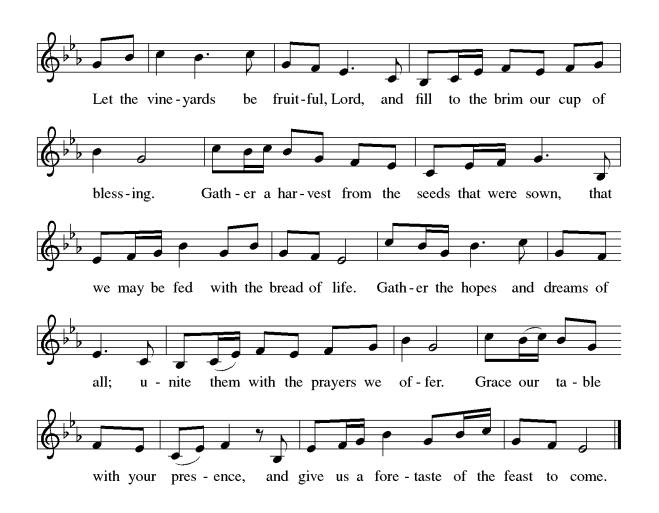
As offerings are brought to altar, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

(ELW 184)

Music and Lyrics on following page



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.

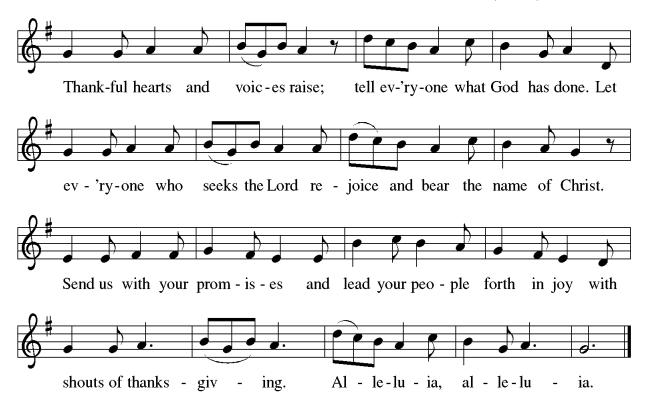
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 Pastor Carolyn and the usher.

After all have communed, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)



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.

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.

SENDING SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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 and we will.



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 = \$1589.06 9/22 = \$ 9/29 = \$

Current Month Total = \$8390.18

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

(916) 781-3333 (office)

Today'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

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Kelly Mendonsa Reader: Jeri Wartena Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Scott Larson

Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson **Kids Message:** Pr. Carolyn Brodt

Musician: Audrey Gale

Upcoming Scripture Readings

September 29th 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16. 24-29
- Psalm 19:7-14
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

And also,

Michael and all the Angels Sunday

- Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3
- Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22
- Revelation 12:7-12
- Luke 10:17-20

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.



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



End your week with a little fun and fellowship! Join Bethel friends for board games in the Sanctuary

THIS Friday, September 27 at 6:30pm.

Bring your favorite game and snacks to share ☺
For more info, check with Kelly

save these dates!

Be part of bethel decision making!

Sunday, October 20 – Budget Forum

Sunday, October 27 – Semi-annual Congregation Meeting – budget vote

Both meetings will be held immediately after worship in Lentz Hall.

Worship & Music Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00pm

Do you have any thoughts on the upcoming Fall Festival Days like Reformation & All Saints Sunday? Input on our Advent and Christmas traditions? Suggestions for Sunday morning worship? Positive feedback about worship at Bethel? Let a member of the Team know! The Team includes: Pr. Carolyn, Barb Morris, Susan Woods, Audrey Gale, Loraine Anderson, and Lisa Herlocker.



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!



Sunday, October 13th during Worship

We will be out on the patio to keep our pets safe – bring pets on leashes– OR bring a picture of your favorite furry friend.



Saturday, October 19th at 4:00pm Join us in the "Herlockers' Biergarten"

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.

