

Order of Worship November 18, 2018

*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Please turn off the ringtone on your cell phone.

While you are waiting for service to begin, prayerfully consider how you would finish this sentence.

“How will my pledge of time, talent and treasure equip Bethel to live “Outside Its Own Little World?”

Please write your responses on the back of the note in the bulletin.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: Is it not a gift to gather together to worship God - Source of Life?

People: Indeed it is!

Leader: Is it not the combination of music, prayer, friendship, intellectual challenge and spiritual connection that draw us here?

People: Indeed it is!

Leader: Is it not true that we are creatures who worship things other than God?

People: Indeed it is!

Leader: Let's take time now to reorient ourselves to God – the One who offers reconciliation and at-one-ness.

All: Yes! Let us worship God with head and heart; body and voice!

*Thread Song

Outside My Own Little World

(Teachers and Children of all ages depart for Christmas Pageant practice in the Fellowship Hall)

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Holy God thank you for today. We are comforted knowing that You meet us wherever we are. We find community when we are surrounded by others who love you and care about us. Help us each day to love boldly, to stick up for and care for the poor and vulnerable, to be of good courage in the pursuit of justice and peace, to accept our beloved identity as members of your family with a healthy dose of humility so that our actions and words widen rather than shrink your Realm. Unite us with other Christians around the globe and across the generations with the prayer: Our Father/Mother...

A Moment for Stewardship

Jeff Winston—Witnessing Steward

Reception of New Members

Diane Avedovech, Kerry Elentoba-Johnson, Kate & Todd Jones, Suzanne Dunn,

Brielle Rundorff, Kanedra Thomas

*Congregational Response



Sing #7

Welcome To This House

Scripture

2 Corinthians 6:1-2, 16b

Sermon

Start Livin' Right Now

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #785

We give you but your own, what're the gift may be;

All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

*Prayer of Dedication

Lover of our souls and Care Giver of our needs, we have gathered these gifts and offerings as an expression of our gratitude. A healthy faith yields generous giving. Accept these gifts, and bless them as you have and will continue to bless our lives. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Communion and Dedication of Pledges: Time, Talent and Treasure

Today we will combine Communion with the dedication of our pledges for 2019.

When you come forward, please bring your pledges and vision notes with you. Those seated in the back rows shall come forward first using center aisle. Place your pledges in the large basket. Place your note on the vision board. If you are “new” to Bethel or are unable to pledge, we invite you to write a blessing prayer on the vision notes. The elements will be served by Intinction. Dip a bread portion into the chalices (silver cups hold grape juice; earthen cups hold wine). Rice crackers are gluten free.

(Please sing #526 and #524 during the serving of elements and dedication of gifts)

*Benediction

Postlude

Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- ◇ We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

Birthdays this Week

Paul Griffo 11/19

Today's Worship Leaders

Reader - Paul Griffo

Greeter - Laurie Davis

Ushers - Linda Timmel, Janice Burris, Nancy Hilbrick, Susan Hanson

Communion Servers—New Members

Flowers—Cathy Thoma

Coffee - Home Perk

Fellowship Food - Youth Pancake Brunch

Open and Close - Jon Schlueter

Sound - Robert Keniston, Jim Keniston

Announcement Slides - Catherine Knox

Nursery - Kathryn Fairman

PreK-1st - Dawn Bleyle, Hannah Lindsey

Prayer chain requests—prayer-chain@bethelbeaverton.org or 503-625-0910

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