



# Bethel

CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Born of Love

Shaped by Grace

Transformed for Service

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# Order of Worship

## September 30, 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.

Gathering Music

Flautist, Nancy Vink; Pianist, Gerry Craig

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call To Worship

One: In a world where people are hungry, what really matters?

**Many: We are the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world.**

One: In a world where people are homeless, what really matters?

**Many: We are the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world.**

One: In a world where children are separated from their parents at the border, what really matters?

**Many: We are the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world.**

One: In a world where our children experience gun violence in schools, what really matters?

**Many: We are the hands and feet of Christ in a frightened and hurting world.**

One: In a world where there are injustices every day, may we remember . . .

**All: We are the hands and feet of Christ, a beacon of love, in a frightened and hurting world.**

Thread Song

Outside My Own Little World

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, who leads and guides us on our way, we thank you that in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have shown us what it means to keep your love at the center of our lives. We confess that in the rush of things that demand our attention, sometimes the heart of our faith gets lost. Forgive us when we allow other things to get in the way of what really matters. Holy One, refocus our passion on the vision of justice and mercy you have called us to bring to life. Keep us always mindful and aware of your grace, so that we don't miss what matters. In the name of the One who gives us the courage to follow the truths you reveal to us. Amen.**

## Children's Time

(Teachers, children and youth depart for Sunday School classes Hall. As they go we sing...)



\*Sing! #66

**Help me do the justice to be done today,  
Help me love kindness in all I do and say,  
Help me walk humbly with you, O God I pray  
Every step of the way, every step of the way.**

Scripture Reading                      1 Corinthians 13 (The Message)

Sermon                                      What Really Matters?

Song    Sacred Love  
(You are invited to bring forward your notes for the Vision Board.)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology #785

**We give you but your own,  
What e're the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone,  
We give it gratefully. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #575                              O for a World

\*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

Kathy Horres 09/30  
Journey Varela 09/30  
Adam Mitchell 10/01  
David Thoma 10/02  
Beth Asmann 10/04

Kayla Lemke 10/04  
Florence Traub 10/05  
Jacob Randall-Bodman 10/05  
Nora Dawley 10/05

## Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader - Beth Astarte  
Flowers - Cathy Thoma  
Reader - Barbara Hess  
Ushers - Linda Timmel, Janice Burris, Michele Green, Robert Markel  
Sound - Robert Keniston, Jim Keniston  
Announcement Slides - Jim Keniston  
Food - Robert Markel, Jose Alviar, Social Justice Advocacy in Action  
Coffee - Home Perk  
Open and Close - Linda Timmel  
Sanctuary Saints - Diana Marsden  
Nursery - Lauren Hake, Kathryn Fairman  
PreK-1st - Dawn Bleyle, Karen Strickland  
2nd-5th - Jim Butler, Nancy Hilbrick  
Youth - Pam Schlueter, Ken Ruse

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