



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BETHEL

An Open and Affirming Church

July 17th, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! We welcome you to our worship this morning and are grateful for your presence. No matter who you are, or who you love, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Please introduce yourself to an usher or Rev. Frank Basler to learn more about our ministries.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Those attending worship in the sanctuary please leave your offerings in the giving baskets located in the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to gift electronically visit our website where you can find a donation link.

Coming up:

Our Second FCCB Children's Summer Festival planned for Aug. 6, 2022, 11 AM - 2PM. Ice cream truck, hot dogs, children's crafts, and more!

PRAYER REQUESTS --Please send request to the Prayer Request Email:

PRAYER@firstchurchbethel.org

We thank our worship leaders for their participation in this morning's service:

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SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand either in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

I See the Morning Breakin'

Appalachian folk hymn

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Let go of the demands of this day. Rest in the quiet of this sanctuary

All: The noise of those demands rings in our ears.

One: There will always be needs to be met, demands on our time, but now is a time to rest.

All: Help us to understand the resting time, that it is a time to be at peace and grow in God's love.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #288**

O God of Vision

vs. 1 & 3

Call to Reconciliation

One: In the name of God,

All: who created us, who holds us and the whole world in his hands

One: In the name of the Son

All: who came into the world, who reconciles us with God.

All: In the name of the Holy Spirit

One: who fills us with eternal life, who links us with all Christians

and incites us to peace, we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

A moment of Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon:

On the seventh day of creation, God rested, creating a Sabbath, a time set apart for rest, to learn, to listen, to be quiet and at peace. Let Sabbath take root in your heart and in your life. Be at peace in God's love for you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PRAISE #543

Blessed Assurance

vs 1 & 2

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Title: "Are You Worried and Distracted by Many Things?"

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you have plans for me that are for my good and your glory. You said, "Give, and it will be given to you; for in the same measure as you give, it will be given to you again." We give to you today as a response to your goodness to us. We ask that you receive our offerings and continue to supply all our needs. May your peace be in our hearts, your grace be in our words, your love be in our hands and your joy be in our souls. In your mighty name, Amen.

Musical Offering

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Heavenly Father I desire to be faithful to all You command us to do. I pray that I would choose the better part and sit at Your feet day by day so that my spirit may be refreshed and my soul revived - and so I may be used by You as a vessel for Your praise and glory, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***CLOSING HYMN #450**

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

vs. 1 & 4

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

Attributions:

Call to Worship

Source: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4009/worship-connection-july-21-2019>

Call to Reconciliation

Source: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2016/02/call-to-worship-reconciling-god.html>

Assurance of Pardon

Source: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/4009/worship-connection-july-21-2019>

Invitation

Source: <https://connectusfund.org/10-best-prayers-for-tithes-and-offerings>

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Source: <https://prayer.knowing-jesus.com/Luke/10>

Prelude

I See the Morning Breakin'

Words: Appalachian folk hymn

Music: Appalachian folk hymn; arr. Darrell R. Faires, Sr., 1989

OPENING HYMN

#288 O God of Vision (vs. 1 & 3)

Words: Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665

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HYMN OF PRAISE

543 Blessed Assurance (vs 1 & 2)

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Musical Offering

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Words: Civilla D. Martin, 1905

Music: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

CLOSING HYMN

#450 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (vs. 1 & 4)

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1987, alt.

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Postlude

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

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Prelude

I See the Morning Breakin'

Opening Hymn

#288 O God of Vision (vs. 1 & 3)

1 O God of vision
Far greater than all human scheming
Gather us now in Your presence
Refreshing redeeming
Show us anew
Life in Your breathtaking view
Lovely beyond all our dreaming

3 Grant to us insight O God
For this time of decision
May we dream challenging dreams
Of both depth and precision
Speak through the dark
Dispel by lightning's bright spark
Whatever clouds dim our vision

Hymn of Praise

543 Blessed Assurance (vs 1 & 2)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story; this is my song:
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story; this is my song:
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
[Refrain]

Musical Offering

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Closing Hymn

#450 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian (vs. 1 & 4)

1 God the Spirit guide and guardian
Windsped flame and hovering dove
Breath of life and voice of prophets
Sign of blessing power of love
Give to those who lead Your people
Fresh anointing of Your grace
Send them forth as bold apostles
To Your church in every place

4 Triune God mysterious being
Undivided and diverse
Deeper than our minds can fathom
Greater than our creeds rehearse
Help us in our varied callings
Your full image to proclaim
That our ministries uniting
May give glory to Your name

Postlude

Keep Your Eyes on the Prize