



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BETHEL

An Open and Affirming Church

October 9, 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 Reverend Dr. Jane Ellingwood 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 give electronically visit our website where you can find a donation link.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Children K-8th are welcome to leave following the Children's Message

Coming Up October 16th Stewardship/Generosity Sunday
October 22nd Fall Harvest Festival/Children's Pumpkin
Festival Saturday 1PM-3PM

TRUSTEES MEETING Monday October 10 at 7:00PM on Zoom

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:

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Jane Ellingwood

Deacon of the Day: Marcia Merritt

Organist: Dana Mancuso

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SUNDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please stand either in body or spirit*

PRELUDE #623

Woke Up This Morning

vs. 1 - 3

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come and see what God has done,

All: whose deeds are awesome among mortals.

One: All the Earth worships God,

All: singing praises to God's holy name.

One: Let us bless God, our rock.

All: Let us worship God together.

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of the skies and the sea, who has brought us through fire and water and never let us fall, hear our voices as we express our gratitude and fears. Keep us close and guide us, that we might never tire of singing the story of your great love for us. And let us pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray.

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 #717**

Let All Things Now Living

v. 1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: O God, you knew us before we were born and called us to serve you faithfully. You delivered us from captivity and provided abundantly for our needs. Yet we sometimes forsake you. Forgive us, we pray. Reshape us with your hand. Renew your covenant with us. Put your law within us and write it on our hearts, so that we may be your people as you have been our God. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

A moment of Silence is kept

One: Friends, hear the good news. The steadfast love of God never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end- they are new every morning! Great is the faithfulness of God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

A CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN OF PRAISE #635** *Faith of Our Fathers* vs. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON: Faith, Healing, and Gratitude Rev. Dr. Jane Ellingwood

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

We serve a God who is gracious, merciful, and abundant in gifts of grace. Let us return our gifts and resources to God.

Musical Offering #501 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* vs 1 - 3

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for your goodness and mercy. Give us the faith and strength to hear and act upon your word so that we may extend grace and healing to all of your people and your creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***CLOSING HYMN**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE #529 *I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me* vs. 1-3

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Prelude

#623 Woke Up This Morning (vs. 1 - 3)

Words and Music : African-American spiritual

Opening Hymn

#717 Let All Things Now Living (v. 1)

Words: Katherine K. Davis, 1939, alt.

Music: Welsh folk melody; desc. Katherine K. Davis, 1939

Hymn of Praise

#635 Faith of Our Fathers (vs. 1 & 3)

Words: Frederick W. Faber, 1849, alt.

Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1864; adapt. James G. Walton, 1874

Musical Offering

#501 There Is a Balm in Gilead (vs 1 - 3)

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: African-American spiritual; arr. Harold Moyer

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Closing Hymn

#715 Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 1 & 3)

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, a;t.

Music: Johann Cruger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Postlude

#529 I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me (vs. 1-3)

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: African-American spiritual; harm. Richard Smallwood

Harm. © 1977 Richwood Music

Prelude

#623 Woke Up This Morning (vs. 1 - 3)

1 Oh, I woke up this mornin' with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus.
Woke up this mornin' with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus.
Woke up this mornin' with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

2 Can't hate your neighbor in your mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Can't hate your neighbor in your mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Can't hate your neighbor in your mind, (if you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

3 Makes you love ev'rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Love ev'rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Love ev'rybody with your mind, (when you keep it) stayed on Jesus.
Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelu, (Hallelu), Hallelujah.

Opening Hymn

#717 Let All Things Now Living (v. 1)

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into Light.

Hymn of Praise

#635 Faith of Our Fathers (vs. 1 & 3)

1 Faith of our fathers, living still
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword,
oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife,
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,
by saving word and faithful life!
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

Musical Offering

#501 There Is a Balm in Gilead (vs 1 - 3)

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sinsick soul.

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. [Refrain]

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus,
and say, "He died for all!" [Refrain]

3 Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. [Refrain]

Closing Hymn

#715 Now Thank We All Our God (vs. 1 & 3)

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Postlude

#529 I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me (vs. 1-3)

1 I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.