

**Order of Worship**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 30, 2018 10:45 AM**

*Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all and serves God in all it does.*

**Fanfare**

**The Chiming Hour** While the chimes play, pray.

**Lighting of the Candles** Welcome God into our midst.

**Prayer of Meditation** – I John 4. 18 (Msg) Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love.

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**\*Opening Hymn** UMH #126 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” (vs. 1,4)

**\*Greeting**

L. Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

C. Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

L. Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.

C. Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.

L. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

**Hymn** UMH #110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs. 1,2)

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water, that we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy in the seasons of our lives; root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, that we may reach out our hands to the needy and speak with gentleness to the sorrowful; nourish us in your righteousness, that our actions may reflect your presence in our living and in our loving. Place your wisdom and understanding within us, that we may be far more precious than jewels to those in need of your healing love. Amen.

**Baptism** Amelia Michele Barton, born May 10, 2018

Parents: Lyndsi and Charles Barton, Jr.

Godparents: Alyssa and Bradley Thornton

Grandparents: Denise and Charles Barton, Sr.

Grandparents: Michelle and David Rusbult

**Choir Anthem** “The Heavens Are Telling” by Franz Joseph Haydn, Hal Hopson

**Recognition of Jessica Bennett**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**YouthSpeak**

**Children's Message**

Sandy Davies  
Hymn FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

**\*Gospel Lesson** Mark 9:30-37 (NT, page 42), read dramatically

**Message**

“Perfect Love: The Children Are in His Arms”

Pastor Hines  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
UMH #191 “Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1,2)

**Sharing, Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Passing the Peace** (Ushers, please come forward as people are seated)

**Offering**

“Amazing Grace”

Frank Bakay and Jessica Bennett

**Offertory** “And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (1 John 4:21, NIV)

**\*Doxology** “Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Circling through earth so all may grow. Vanquishing fear so all may give, widening grace so all may live. Amen” (Sung to UMH #95) Written by Eric Law, used with permission.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn** UMH #396 “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 1,2)

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**\*indicates stand if able**

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR WORSHIP**  
8:30 am - Praise Service  
9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:45 am - Traditional Worship

**SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP**

**Greeters:** Dana Robinson and Analisa Romberg  
**Nursery (Birth-2 yr.):** Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf  
**Junior Church: (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** Karla Romberg  
**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett  
**Tellers:** Trish Richards and Lisa Riley  
**Ushers:** Dylan Murray, Analisa Romberg, Dana Robinson  
**Flowers:** Terry and Bob Miller in memory of Bob's mother Libby Miller  
**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. September Southern Brunch menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage gravy, biscuits, grits, apple fritters, assorted fruit, DIY toast, coffee, tea, assorted juices. Gluten-free items are available.

**Liturgist:** Kimberly Bradbury  
**Pre-School (3-4 yr.):** Open

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**Junior Church: (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade)** Karla Romberg  
**Communion Stewards:** Clair and Kay Weikel  
**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett  
**Tellers:** Elaine O'Connor and Amy Keller  
**Ushers:** Bill Richardson, Donna Kunsch, Edie Duranto, Russell Bush  
**Flowers:** Mom and Dad Keller in honor of Mary Grace's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday  
**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

**Liturgist:** Ron Moore  
**Pre-School (3-4 yr.):** Open

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**Junior Church** is back for September, October and November. Only one more day is open for October (21). Volunteer now, while the dates are still available.

**God moves by the Holy Spirit on our jobs.** If you have a testimony of the wonders God does in the workplace, sign up with Pastor Hines to share an encouraging story in October.

Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

**Welcome**  
**To Bethel United**  
**Methodist Church**

*"Growing in Christ  
together, sharing  
God's love with  
everyone"*

Thank you for  
worshipping with us  
today.

Enlarged copies of this  
bulletin are available  
from the usher.

Children are welcome to  
remain throughout the  
service or take advantage  
of our nursery or  
Junior Church.

**September 30, 2018**

