

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 31st, 2008
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Canon In D"
Sara Ann and JoAnn
Greetings and Announcements (Please sign the friendship register)
Four Cents A Meal Offering
Gathering Song "This Is The Day"

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24, Psalm 106:!)
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: O give thanks, for the Lord is good!
People: God's love endures forever!

Prayer of the Day

•**Hymn 464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

•**Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 51:1-4, 7, 10)
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight - that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Amen.
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 8:1-2)
There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

•**Responding to God's Forgiveness - The Gloria Patri #579**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination
First Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13
Anthem "We Walk By Faith"
Second Scripture Reading: I John 4:1-11
Sermon "Love, By Definition" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)
•**Hymn 442** "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

Offering our Lives and Presenting our Tithes
Offertory "Whither Thou Goest"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL
Marriage of Robert Olson and Betty Jo Hamilton
The Lord's Prayer Soloist: Steve Hord

•**Benediction**
•**The Congregational Response**
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Postlude

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.