

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 18th, 2009
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "He Keeps Me Singing"
Sara Ann and JoAnn
Greetings and Announcements (Please sign the friendship register)
Gathering Song "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Call to Worship (John 1:14,12)
Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us
People: And we have seen His glory
Leader: To all who receive Him
People: He gave power to become children of God

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

•**Hymn 123** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

•**Prayer of Confession**
Gracious God, Your mercy comes to us as an undeserved miracle. Forgive our sins. Help us to believe and obey, that we may be filled with the wine of new life, promised in the power of Jesus Christ our Savior. It is in His name that we pray. Amen.
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (John 3:17)
Leader: "God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him."

People: In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven. Glory be to God!

•**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: Matthew 25:14-23
Anthem "We Need a Faith" Adult Choir
Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:24-30
Sermon "Excuses, Expectations, and Promises" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)
•**Hymn Insert** "Standing on the Promises"

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes
Offertory "Near To The Heart of God"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**
The Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 379** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK
•**The Charge and Blessing**
•**The Congregational Response** #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Postlude

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