

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

May 10th, 2009

5th Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Prelude “Land of Pure Delight”
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Minute For Mission Claudia Hall

Recognition of Mothers

Gathering Song “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”

Call to Worship (I Peter 2:9)

Leader: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people . . .

People: That {we} might proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called {us} out of darkness into God’s marvelous light.

Prayer of the Day

The Children Honor Mother’s Day

•**Hymn 348** “Faith of Our Fathers!” (Red Hymnal) ST. CATHERINE
(We will sing “of our Mothers”)

•**Prayer of Confession**

Forgive, O Lord, our sins and sinfulness as we confess them to You. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (II Corinthians 5:19)

Leader: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

People: And entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

•**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

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 98

Anthem “Happy The Home” Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: I John 5:1-6

Sermon “What Is Love?” Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles’ Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 376** “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (Red Hymnal) NEAR THE CROSS

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory “Sacred Memories”
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 503** “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” (Red Hymnal) SALVATION

•**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.