

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 17th, 2009

6th Sunday of Easter

•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "The Sound of Music"

Greetings and Announcements

Minute For Mission Andrew Heizer

Ruritan Sunday

Gathering Song "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Call to Worship (Psalm 118:24)

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 561** "My Country 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA

•**Prayer of Confession**

Eternal God, in Whom we live and move and have our being, Your face is hidden from us by our sins. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from our sinfulness. We confess our faults, confiding in Your grace, and finding in You our refuge and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon (I Peter 2:24)

Jesus himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.

•**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: Nehemiah 8:1-10

Anthem "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine" Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: John 15:10-11

Sermon "The Joy of the Lord" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

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

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "I Am Not Alone"

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 489** "Christ for the World We Sing" (Red Hymnal) ITALIAN HYMN

•**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.