

**THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

November 23rd, 2008

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude**

“We Give Thee Thanks”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

**Greetings and Announcements** (Please sign the friendship register)

**Gathering Song** “Only Believe”

**Four Cents A Meal Offering**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 147:7,8,10,11)

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

**People: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow on the hills.**

Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner.

**People: But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Children's Sermon**

•Hymn 559 “We Gather Together”

KREMSER

•Prayer of Confession

**Forgive, O Lord, our sins and transgressions. Forgive us of the wrong we have committed, and forgive us of the good that we have left undone. Forgive us of the sins we have committed ourselves, those we have committed with others, and those we have allowed to be committed in our names by not standing up against them. In your great mercy and love, O Lord, forgive, restore, and empower us to do Your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•Assurance of Pardon (Romans 6:20-23)

Leader: When you were slaves to sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

**People: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

•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:** Mark 4:26-29

**Anthem** “O God Our Help In Ages Past”

Adult Choir

**Second Scripture Reading:** Matthew 9:35-38

**Sermon** “Lord of the Harvest”

Rev. Joel Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•Apostles' Creed (p.14)

•Hymn 551 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory** “Teach Us Thy Way”

Sara Ann and JoAnn

•The Prayer of Dedication

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•Hymn 555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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•The Charge and Blessing

•The Congregational Response

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #438 (First Verse)

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love:

The fellowship of kindred minds

Is like to that above

**Postlude**

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**WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.