

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

September 11th, 2011  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 23:1, 4a-c, 6)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd

**People: I shall not want.**

Leader: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

**People: I will fear no evil for You are with me**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

**Moment of Silence in Remembrance of Those Who Perished on 9-11 and for  
Those Who Have Given Their Lives in the Defense of Freedom**

•**Hymn 562** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

•**Prayer of Confession** (Agnus Dei)

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**People: grant us peace.**

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (John 3:16)

**For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

•**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 46

**Anthem** "Kum-Ba-Yah" Adult Choir

**New Testament Reading:** Romans 1:16-17

**Sermon** "Fortress" Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 260** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" EIN' FESTE BURG

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes**

**Offertory**

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 366** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

•**The Charge and Blessing**

•**The Congregational Response** #538 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"  
Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

**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.