

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13th, 2009
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering Song "Bless The Lord, O My Soul"

Call to Worship (Jude 25)

Leader: To God our Savior, Who alone is wise . . .

People: . . .be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

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

•**Call to the Prayer of Confession** (Jesus' words from John 8:31-32, 34-36)

Leader: Jesus said . . .

People: "If you abide in My word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Leader: "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever."

People: "Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

Leader: Let us go before the living Son of God in our silent prayers of confession that we might be forgiven and set free.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (from John 8:10-11)

Leader: When Jesus raised Himself up from writing on the ground and saw no one but the woman accused of adultery, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

People: She said, "No one, Lord."

Leader: And Jesus said to her . . .

People: . . . "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

•**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: Daniel 5:1-6

Anthem "Now Let All The Heavens Adore Thee" Adult Choir

New Testament Reading: John 8:2-6

Sermon "God's Handwriting" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)

•**Hymn 527** "Near to the Heart of God" MC AFEE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "Teach Us Thy Way"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**Doxology** (#592)

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 263** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

•**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.