

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

September 14th, 2008  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude** "To God Be the Glory"  
Sara Ann and JoAnn  
**Greetings and Announcements** (Please sign the friendship register)  
**Gathering Song** "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 95:1-3)  
Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord!  
**People: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation!**  
Leader: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving!  
**People: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms!**  
Leader: For the Lord is the great God!  
**People: And the great King above all gods!**

**Prayer of the Day**

•**Hymn 131** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (Red Hymnal) MADRID

•**Prayer of Confession** (Psalm 25:8-11)  
"Good and upright is the Lord. Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice. And the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great." In the name of Jesus our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.  
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Jeremiah 31:33-34)  
Leader: "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord."  
**People: "I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."**  
Leader: "No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest of them, says the Lord."  
**People: "For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**  
Leader: In Christ Jesus, this Word of the Lord has come to pass.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

•**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 Scripture:** Haggai 2:1-9  
**Anthem** "I Sing The Mighty Power Of God" Adult Choir  
**New Testament Scripture:** Hebrews 8:6  
**Sermon** "Covenanted For Greater Things" Rev. Joel Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)  
•**Hymn Insert** "Higher Ground" HIGHER GROUND

**GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

**Offering our Lives and Presenting our Tithes**  
**Offertory** "Hourly Need" (Hymn Voluntary)  
•**The Prayer of Dedication**  
**The Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD**

•**Hymn 350** "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (Red Hymnal) ST. GERTRUDE  
•**The Charge and Blessing**  
•**The Congregational Response**  
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"  
#79 (Red Hymnal)  
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.