

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

September 18th, 2011  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
•Those who are able may stand

**GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Prelude and Chimes**  
**Greetings and Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Matthew 4:18-20)

Leader: And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

**People: They immediately left their nets and followed Him.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Time With Children**

•**Hymn 276** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

•**Prayer of Confession** (Ancient Christian Prayer)  
**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**  
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Romans 5:8)  
**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

•**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:** Matthew 13:43b-46  
**Anthem** "Close To Thee" Adult Choir  
**Second Scripture Reading:** Luke 14:15-29  
**Sermon** "The Kingdom of God" Rev. Joel P. Thornton

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)  
•**Hymn 280** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" AMAZING GRACE

**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 423** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET  
•**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.