

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 21st, 2008
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "O Zion, Haste"
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 150:1,2,6)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

People: Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Leader: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of the Day

•**Hymn 356** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

•**Prayer of Confession** (Ancient Christian Prayer)

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (I John 1:8-9)

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

•**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: Daniel 5:25-30

Anthem "He Is Mine" Adult Choir

New Testament Scripture: I John 3:7-10

Sermon "Weighing In" Rev. Joel Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)
•**Hymn 5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering our Lives and Presenting our Tithes

Offertory "Depth of Mercy with Search Me, O God"
Sara Ann and JoAnn

•**The Prayer of Dedication**

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

•**Hymn 341** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" ASSURANCE

•**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

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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