

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 27th, 2009
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" Sara Ann and JoAnn

Greetings and Announcements

Four Cents A Meal Offering

Gathering Song "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Call to Worship (II Timothy 2:11-13)

Leader: This is a faithful saying: If we died with Him . . .

People: . . . we shall also live with Him

Leader: If we endure . . .

People: . . . we shall also reign with Him.

Leader: If we deny Him, . . .

People: . . . He will deny us.

Leader: If we are faithless . . .

People: . . . He remains faithful. He cannot deny Himself.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who remains faithful from everlasting to everlasting.

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 271** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (Red Hymnal) TOPLADY

•**Prayer of Confession**

Lord of all mercy and grace, You are holy, and we are separated from You by our sin. You are righteous, and we are due judgement. Yet, You, in Your great mercy, poured out Your grace upon us in Christ Jesus, Your only begotten Son, who came and gave Himself for us upon the cross that we might be forgiven and restored to You. In His Name, O Lord, forgive us, heal us, and restore us that we might serve You in this world. This we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, One God to Whom glory and honor is due forever and ever.

SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (Titus 3:4-7)

Leader: But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

People: whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal 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

Bruce Lamond

First Scripture Reading: Mark 15:15-26

Anthem "Hold Thou My Hand"

Adult Choir

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 15:27-38

Sermon "A Religion Fit For Slaves"

Rev. Joel Thornton

Reception of New Member and Renewal of our Covenant

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.12 - Red Hymnal)

•**Hymn 275** "Amazing Grace" (Red Hymnal - Second Tune) AMAZING GRACE

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Offering Our Lives and Presenting Our Tithes

Offertory "Alone With Thee" 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 349** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (Red Hymnal) WEBB

•**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.