

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 4th, 2011
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
•Those who are able may stand

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude and Chimes
Greetings and Announcements

Call to Worship (from Matthew 16:16)
Leader: Jesus is the Christ!
People: The son of the Living God!

Prayer of the Day

Time With Children

•**Hymn 457** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" TOULON

•**Prayer of Confession**
Lord Jesus Christ, we confess to You the wrongs we have done and the right we have left undone. Forgive us, cleanse us, and draw us close to Your heart. In Your Name we pray, Amen.
SILENT CONFESSION

•**Assurance of Pardon** (II Corinthians 5:19)
Leader: In Christ, God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them
People: And entrusting the message of reconciliation to 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
Old Testament Reading: Psalm 23
Anthem "Showers of Blessing" Adult Choir
New Testament Reading: John 14:1-6, 25-27
Sermon "Precious Lord" Rev. Joel P. Thornton

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

•**Apostles' Creed** (p.14)
•**Hymn 404** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD

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 302** "I Danced in the Morning" SIMPLE GIFTS
•**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

WELCOME TO BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
We hope you will find a home for your heart and an opportunity to serve.