

Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 14, 2026

An inclusive place of worship.



Liturgist: Elder, Fredrica Williams; **Spiritual Leader:** Ruling Elder, Hernel Braham; **The Word:** Rev Tene Howard, Elder David Roebuck; **Organist:** Elder, Dollie Lowe; **Pianist:** open; **Scripture Reader:** Brother, Jim Howard, Brother, Marcus McArthur; **The Offering:** Deacon Babatunde Ayroinde, Elder Michael Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

People: We gather with joy to bless the name of the Lord.

Leader: The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord. The word of the Lord is right, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

People: We sing a new song to our God, for his counsel stands forever.

Leader: Come, people of God, and lift your voices in praise to the Lord!

All: Let us worship God together. Amen... Ashe'

Hymn: AA#157

"To God be the Glory"

Congregation / Spiritual Leader

Welcome:

Liturgist

Call to Confession:

Liturgist

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. When we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession: *Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. In your mercy forgive us of our sins.*

Assurance of Pardon:

Rev. Tene Howard

Hymn: AA#652

"Gloria Patria"

Passing of The Peace: Hymn: AA#498

"Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Prayer for Illumination & Scripture Readings:

Bro. James Howard & Bro. Marcus McArthur

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen, Ashe'

Today's scriptures from the Revised Common Lectionary (Year A)

Reader 1: First reading

Reader 2: Second

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

Hymn of Preparation: AA#325

"Every time I feel the Spirit"

Spiritual Leader

Introduction of the Messenger:

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The Word Scripture

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Sermon

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Rev. Tene Howard

#### The Opportunity

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Affirmation of Faith

Apostle Creed

Liturgist

I believe in God, the Father All Mighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in

the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen, Ashe'

CHILDREN CIRCLE:

HYMN: AA#549 "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

The Offering: Elder Mike Lawrence, Brother Richard Wright 2nd, Deacon Babatunde

Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God. In hope that the church can be a refuge for us and others, let us give our tithes and offerings to God.

[Bethel Online Giving](#)

Prayer of Dedication

God, who faithfully fortifies the world, bless our gifts and use them to protect all creation and allow us all to flourish in Your justice and love. Amen.

DOXOLOGY: AA#651 "Praise God"

Hymn of Comfort: AA#565 "More about Jesus" Elder Braham

Prayer List:

Elder Hernel Braham

Lifting up in Prayer: The family of Sister Iberia Randolph servant of God transitioned into the land of the Saints. May she rest in power. Lifting up all servants of God, Elder Nick Stevens, Elder James Plummer, Elder, Hernel Braham, Elder, David Roebuck, Rev. T. Howard, Rev. Dr. Leonard Bethel, Rev. Fonda Dortch-Taylor, Elder Charlotte Wright family, Sister Yvonne Ruty, Sister Veronica Bethel, Pearl Lowe, Elaine Young, Minette Braham, Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, Brother, Lee McArthur, George Bowen, Brother John & Donna Cheatwood, Gus Spruill, Pius, Cory, Fred Cook, the Caretakers, others whose names not called, the hungry, homeless, victims of violence, finally the innocent caught in the middle of violence, and the crossfire of war...Lord have mercy on these innocent children and others impacted by violence. We give thanks to God for Aron Wright and others for their progress in recovery. Let it be Your will..... **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** "THE LORD'S PRAYER"

Acknowledgement: GRADUATION RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2026! Congratulations to all the graduates for a job well done. Your achievements matter, we also give a huge thank you to families, friends, mentors and others who supported you and now we share in this wonderful milestone wishing you all the best. First, we have the family of Deacon Babatunde Ayorinde, Doctor Tumi Ayorinde MD, Rutgers Medical School: Oyinkansola Opawuyi graduate, Gill St Bernard High School.

Second We have the family of Elders, Fredrica & Eric Williams, Omari Shango-nephew; Amari Williams-grandson high school graduates

Third, we have the family Marcus & Nadia McArthur son Romare Sinclair advancing from pre-K to K. Congratulations Romie.

Finally, our scripture leader brother James & Doris Howard family grandson Jaden Howard a High School graduate attending The University of New Haven.

Thank you graduates dream big, focus, do good and may your life be filled with continued success, joy and happiness. God bless.

Announcements:

Liturgist

- Bible Study, understanding scripture, improving your prayer life and more all online Thursday at 7PM. We will pause for summer break, starting 1st week in July and restarting Thursday after Labor Day same link same time. Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders.
- Congratulations on 9 years here on the corner of East 5th & Roosevelt, Pastor Samuel, Associate Pastor Cesar & the whole Iglesias congregation. BPC wish you all the best God has to offer.
- Community outreach: Soup kitchen program 2nd Saturday monthly. Huge shout out to Elder Michael Lawrence and Sister Janet for a good job filling in for Mari & Richard Wright yesterday. Contact Elder Charlotte Wright or Elder Michael Lawrence to get involve. It was a great day. Summer recess start July through August, we resume the 2nd week in September.

- The primary election is over but the main election in November should be the opportunity to decide on leadership that shapes the future of democracy for our country. Get informed and be ready. God bless.

Closing Hymn: AA#297

“Take the name of Jesus with you”

Elder Braham

BENEDICTION:

Rev. Tene Howard

Amen, Amen, Amen

Congregation

The coffee hour

“Let’s talk about it” Host Elder, Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard