

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Aug 17, 2025



3rd Sunday

ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgist: Elder Fredrica Williams

Spiritual Leader: Elder Hernel Braham

The Word: Elder David Roebuck

The Offering: Deacon Babatunde & R. Wright

Organist: Sister Dollie Lowe

Pianist: Brother Jarel Pellew

Scripture Reader 1: Brother Jim Howard

PRELUDE

WELCOME:

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Chronicles 16:8-12;23

Please stand

L. Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

A. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

L. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

A. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

L. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

A. Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. AMEN.

Opening Hymn: GG#14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Please be seated

Call to Confession: Let us confess our sin *together in prayer*,

Prayer of Confession:

A. Dear God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord forgive us of our sins.,

L. Please pause 30 seconds in silent reflection with God. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Elder, David Roebuck

Hymn: AA#652 *please stand*

“Gloria Patria”

Passing of The Peace:

“Peace Be with You”

Hymn: AA#498

“Let There be Peace on Earth”

Prayer for Illumination:

Bro. James Howard

"God All Mighty, shine your light through the darkness of this world into every corner of our hearts. As we read the many words of Scripture, may we recognize the presence of your one true Word, Jesus Christ, who bears your love into the world. Amen". Ashe'

Scriptures: Revised Common Lectionary; The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

29By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained

promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.35Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-38of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

49"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Hymn of Preparation: GG#286

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

The Word Scripture	Sermon	Elder, David Roebuck Invitation
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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:

Liturgist

Messenger: Amen, Ashe'

HYMN: AA#549

"THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

Tribute:

Let Us Offer Our Gifts to God

Deacon Babatunde & Brother R. Wright

GIVE

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Prayer of Dedication

Deacon Babatunde

Dear God. Please Accept these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Bless our work on behalf of Your risen son Christ Jesus. May we use these gifts to carry out the work you would have us to do. Thanks be to God.

DOXOLOGY: AA#651

“Praise God”

Hymn of Comfort: AA#420

“Leave it There”

Prayer List:

Elder Braham

Lifting up in Prayer: Heavenly Father, we lift in prayer names on the list for many weeks.

*Judith Horne-Johnson family and friends, her daughter Monica, Elder David Roebuck & Rev. Tene Howard ministers of Word *Elder Charlotte Wright, *Yvonne Rutty, *Sister Veronica Bethel & Rev. *Dr. Leonard Bethel, Frank McArthur, Pearl Lowe, Pius Family, *Rev. Fonda, Tony McArthur, Kevin McArthur, Cousin Janice, Brenda McArthur-Puckett, *Elaine Young, *Waverly Gaither, *Minette Braham, Elder Fredrica family, *Brother Stevie and Dosha McArthur, The Caretakers, Brother George Bowen, safe travels brother Babatunde.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

“THE LORD’S PRAYER”

Announcements:

Liturgist

Bible Study Online: Returning Thursday September 4th, 7PM Rev Tene Howard & Elder Hernel Braham co-leaders

- The Covid virus strain is stronger today impacting our community. Continue to stay on guard.
- Soup kitchen donations are welcome. Please designate a portion of your gifts to help feed the hungry.
- It is summertime and hot outside. If you are local and able, please stop by and worship with us in the coolness of the sanctuary on Sunday 10am. All are welcome wherever you are.
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Closing Hymn: AA#138

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

BENEDICTION:

Elder, David Roebuck

Amen, Amen

The coffee hour

Host Brother Eric Williams and Brother Jim Howard