

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



WEEK ONE: KINSHIP

*We hope and act in a spirit of kinship with
all of God's creatures.*

September 8, 2024

CREATING GOD, GATHER US IN...

...the chime is an invitation to lean, in trust, into God's presence.

Prelude

Opening Words (*Psalm 98:7-8*)

Call to Worship – see insert

Welcome!

HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* VT 177

Passing the Peace of Christ & Fellowship Greeting

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TO US, TODAY

HYMN *Planets Humming as They Wander* VT 175

Praying for Peace with Creation –

*Slow us down in the midst of climate crisis**

Children's Time

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 148; Mark 3:31-35;
Romans 8:14-15*

Sermon

Music for Meditation

WE SHARE OUR STORIES

Sunday School Teacher Dedication and Blessing

Prayers of the People (*with The Lord's Prayer*)

Announcements

WE LEAVE TO LIVE OUT GOD'S STORY

HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* VT 120

Benediction

Postlude

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If you need a hearing assist device, please ask at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

The Nursery is typically staffed with a volunteer care provider during worship (and Sunday School as needed). Children are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary! Worship bags with drawing/coloring materials are provided at the back of the sanctuary.

If you'd like to be added to our all-church email list to receive prayer requests and announcements (typically 2 emails/week), please contact the church office or Pastor Tonya.

Sound: Adam Pounds
Livestream: Joel Iwashige
Ushers: Glenda & Rick Hooper
Nursery: Anna Crable & Jalen Crable
Organist: Pauline Buller
Worship Leader: Jon Miller
Song Leader: Trae Gehring
Scripture Reader: Stephanie Gehring
Children's Time: Calvin Nisly
Sermon: Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here!

***Your offerings are received, with gratitude, in the offering
box on the table at the back of the sanctuary.***

You can also now donate electronically on our website.

Thank you for your generosity shown in many ways!

TODAY:

- **Fellowship** with drinks in Common Grounds Room
- **Fall Sunday School** quarter for all ages begins

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Sept 22: Bible Dedication Sunday**
- **Sept 25 @ 1:00pm: Fall book study begins. Contact church office.**
- **Sept 28: FMC serves at the Soup Kitchen** (volunteer on the signup sheets across from the mailboxes)

REMINDERS:

- **Fall book study:** *The Spirit of Our Politics*, by Michael Wear. Will meet 8 Wednesdays at 1:00pm, beginning September 25. Contact the church office if you need help ordering a book.
- **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee** will meet September 26. Feel free to share affirmations/concerns/questions with Peggy Stucky, Kevin Martin-Nisly or Adam Pounds.



Adult Sunday School Opportunities beginning TODAY

- **Salt & Light Bible Study** meets in Adult SS room in the basement.
- **Connection & Conversation** meets in the library to discuss themes from worship/sermon
- **Adult Discussion** meets in the fellowship hall and can be joined via Zoom; fall topic TBD

Scripture Readers invited: We invite you to participate in our worship services by reading scripture. Check the signup board to volunteer.

Fall book study: *The Spirit of Our Politics*, by Michael Wear. Thoughtful, hope-filled insights on the intersection of faith and politics. Join us!

Pastor Tonya will be away for sabbatical September 13-18.

Forum on Democracy and Christianity with David Gushee, leading Christian ethicist, pastor and author @ Bethel College Sept 15-16

September 15: Bethel College Mennonite Church 9:30am worship; 10:30 Sunday School. Memorial Hall, 3-6pm: forum on democracy and Christianity with a panel of local leaders and a chance for table discussion.

September 16: Gushee will speak in convocation at 11 a.m. in Krehbiel Auditorium in Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel.

BETHEL COLLEGE FALL FEST . . . October 4-6. Events and opportunities here

<https://www.bethelks.edu/event/fall-fest-2024/>

Bethel College Women's Association fundraiser for Bethel needs your donations of baked goods and craft items! Deliver to the Music Library in Luyken Fine Arts Center from 1 - 5 p.m. on Friday, October 4. Volunteer to help here

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CA8A72FA3F58-50920044-fall/102465998#/>



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