

June 22, 2025

Rev. Wendy Witt

Peace UCC 8:15 Worship

Bethel UMC 10:15 Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

*\* All who are able are invited to stand*



**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

**PRELUDE**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;

People: Teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.

Leader: Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,

People: To love them as we find them or as they may become

Leader: Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,

People: Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,

Leader: We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;

People: Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

[Peace] #212 (Notebook) "They'll Know We Are Christians"

**OPENING PRAYER** (unison)

Holy God, there is much that tries to separate us from one another. Creed and color, gender and nation, class and culture call for our fragmentation, but you call us to live together in your grace and peace. You call us your children. You call us beloved. Today, let the refrain: "There is no

longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" guide us every step and every action we take. We pray this in the name of the Christ who makes us all one united in love. Amen.

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY**

**\*THE DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise God, all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above ye heavenly host,*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Gracious and transforming God, you clothe us in grace and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our desire to live into Christ's vision of your beloved community. Baptized into your peace and justice, may we shed old divisions and embrace the unity you intend for all people. Use these offerings to build bridges, mend hearts, and proclaim that in Christ, all are one—equal, cherished, and free. May our giving reflect the boundless love you pour into us. We pray this in the name of the one who makes us whole. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Galatians 3:23-29 (*Common English Bible*)

<sup>23</sup> Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, <sup>24</sup> so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

<sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

<sup>26</sup> You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

### **SERMON "United by Faith"**

#### **\*HYMN**

[Peace] #246 (Notebook) "One Bread, One Body"

### **JOYS & CONCERNS/PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts/trespases, as we forgive our  
debtors/those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

[Peace] #249 (Notebook) "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

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### **\*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH**

#### **\*POSTLUDE**

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**NEXT WEEK** – June 29, '25 (Rev Wendy on vacation from June 23–July 7)  
Bethel will be attending Worship at New Hope UMC, Greenbush, 9:30 a.m.  
Peace UCC Worship will be led by Tony Reese