

Sermon Notes

All In! Equipped for the Mission.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Key verse: Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good (1 Cor 12:7).

God has made a promise to the world He intends to keep. We find it in many places: Genesis 12:3; Matthew 28:19; Acts 1:8; and

1 Corinthians 1:21 "It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to _____ those who believe."

Here's the promise: to bring _____ to those who don't know _____. He has equipped us to help Him fulfill this promise by giving us _____.

What makes these gifts spiritual? First, they come from _____ and they _____ us who He is. Second, they show the power of God's _____ (see Joel 2:28-32).

The four gift categories in 1 Cor 12:7-11:

Wisdom and _____: _____ gifts

Faith, _____, and miracles: _____ gifts

Discernment and _____: _____ gifts

Tongues and Interpretation: _____ gifts

1 Cor 12:7 and 11 provide three key principles about spiritual gifts

Each _____ has a spiritual gift
Spiritual gifts serve the _____ good
God has given them individually _____

It is incumbent on us to _____ and _____ God's kingdom by _____ them. This is serious business to the Lord.

The message of Matthew 25:14-30 is that God will _____ us and others when we discover and _____ spiritual gifts.

We will hear a testimony from one of our covenant partners about how her understanding of spiritual gifts energized her faith and gave purpose to her role in God's kingdom work.

Take away for the week: discover your spiritual gifts and pray for opportunities to put them to use in measurable ways. The Bethel Church website has a good tool for you! See the resources tab and navigate to "Spiritual Gifts Survey" to discover your spiritual gifts.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! Your being here is a sweet offering to the Lord. Our prayer has been that you know the good news of Jesus' love as a result of your worship. If you have prayer concerns, questions about faith, or would like to inquire about making Bethel Church your spiritual home please indicate this in the pew pad or speak with one of the pastors or elders following the service.

For families with infants, toddlers, and preschool children: Safe childcare with trained volunteers is available during our worship service. We also offer age appropriate Sunday school classes for ages 2-4. All of our early childhood ministries are designed to help your children learn more about Jesus and His love for them. Guests, please let us assist you in registering your children.

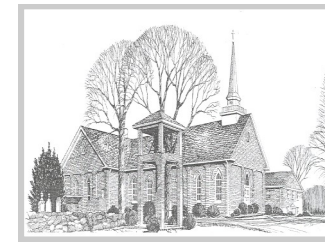
Attendance for last week: Sunday School:156; Worship Total: 421

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Vision Statement Reflecting the Love and Truth of Christ to Transform Lives.	
Mission Statement A Community of Christ Followers making disciples by: WORSHIPING the living God TEACHING the truth of Scripture CARING for others SERVING with the compassion of Christ ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD	
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(WN) Worship Notes: At Bethel Church we know that people come from a variety of faith and worship backgrounds. So, we have provided "Worship Notes (WN)" as an explanation of different parts of the service. Understanding what we do and why we do it helps to make worship more meaningful and engaging. Whether you are an old hand or a guest, we hope that you will find the "Worship Notes" helpful.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Janie Beaver

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Sweet By and By" Teresa Hewitt

(WN) Music awakens the spirit! The Prelude has been selected to develop today's scripture. Make the transition from getting here to being here in our Lord's presence. Take this moment of music to quiet yourselves, focus your mind, and awaken your spirit.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

(WN) Our worship service begins with the playing of the chimes of the Trinity, which is a musical reminder that we worship One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Moss

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(WN) We gather for worship because God calls us to glorify His Name, because Jesus has made right worship possible, and because the Spirit prompts us to praise. Scripture marks the service's beginning, center, and end.

OPENING HYMN # 108

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

1 Come, Christians, join to sing
 Alleluia! Amen!
 Loud praise to Christ our King;
 Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

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Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!

He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

(WN) Reformed worship moves quickly to confession because each of us has fallen short of God's glory and admit our brokenness to Him before hearing scripture. The prayers in this section of worship are designed to fit today's scripture, and lift up the needs of the world and ourselves. They give voice to the voiceless, and enlarge our vision for God's kingdom.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mark Moss

Almighty God, we confess that with our lips we call You Lord, yet...

we are often swept up in the tide of our generation; we fall short of living into Your divine purpose for our lives; we live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope; we are moved more by private ambition than by justice; we dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and generosity; and our agendas inspire us more than Your Word.

By Your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us, and reshape us into Your image. Now hear us as we bring to You our silent confessions...

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* **GLORIA PATRI**

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.

STATEMENT OF OUR COMMON FAITH *Janie Beaver*

(WN) The ECO is member of the Reformed tradition, which helps us to express our common faith through creeds and confessions. We have sung "Glory be to the Father" in gratitude to God that He forgives us and hears our prayers. We state our common faith with one of our traditions creeds and confessions. Today's statement of faith comes from the shorter catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN (Children in grades Preschool - 3rd may leave for Children's Worship)

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

(WN) One of the ways that we worship God is through giving. God has given us all we have and we are stewards of it. By returning to God His tithe and our offering, we surrender the first portion of what we have. With these offerings Bethel supports outreach ministries to the Charlotte region, international mission, and helps to connect children, youth, and adults to Jesus.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"We All Have Gifts to Share" Brynn, Elyse, Avery Lehnerer

* **THE DOXOLOGY**

* **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**
Janie Beaver

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

SERMON

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(WN) The scripture and sermon are the centerpieces of the worship service. The word "sermon" comes from Latin "sermo" for "talk." This teaching helps us both to understand scripture's meaning and to apply its meaning today.

FROM WORSHIP INTO SERVICE

* **CLOSING HYMN #452** *"Make Me A Blessing"*

Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,
Making the sorrowing glad.

Refrain

Make me a blessing, make me a blessing,
Out of my life may Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.

Tell the sweet story of Christ and His love,
Tell of His pow'r to forgive;
Others will trust Him if only you prove
True, every moment you live.

Repeat Refrain

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.

Repeat Refrain

* **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION**

(WN) We move from this worship service to a life of discipleship. God is with us, helping us to make an impact for Him through our daily rhythms.

* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *"Threefold Amen" Chancel Choir*

* **POSTLUDE** *"Praise Him in the Sanctuary" Teresa Hewitt*