

WORSHIP *together*



BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In you, Lord, I have taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me. Come quickly to my rescue. Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, lead and guide me, for the sake of your name. Let your face shine upon your servant. Save me in your unfailing love!

Opening Prayer

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives. We gather before you, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone. Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love. We come to you, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ. We are ready to receive your blessing and direction today. Amen.

Song of Response: "Build My Life"

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

God's Greeting

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Song of Response: "Who You Say I Am"

Children's Blessing:  [_The Prodigal Son.mp4](#)

Prayer for Illumination

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

Luke 15:11-32

Message:

"Elder Brothers and Prodigal Sons"

Song of Response: "In Christ Alone"

Prayers of God's People

SERVE 2021 Recap

Offering: *Bethel Budget & Ministry Shares*

Sending Song: "Your Grace is Enough"

Parting Blessing

Closing Praise: "10,000 Reasons"

Online Update

We will be livestreaming to our Facebook page via this link: [Direct link to the service](#) and on YouTube via this link: [You Tube Channel](#). You can also watch it later thru Vimeo, on Wightman TV, through our [website](#).