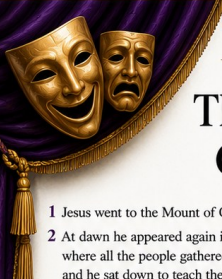


# BETHEL

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5828 NE 8th Avenue, Portland OR 97211

August 2, 2026



## JOHN 8:1-11

# The Theatre Of Sin

Jesus turned a spectacle of shame into a lesson of grace.

1 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

3 The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

4 and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

6 They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

7 When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

8 Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

10 Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

11 "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

They came with **condemnation**.  
Jesus came with **compassion**.

### GOD'S GRACE SILENCES THE ACCUSERS

The Theatre of Sin is where people expose others, seek approval, and throw stones of judgment. But Jesus steps into the scene, not to shame, but to save. He meets us in our lowest moment and offers mercy instead of condemnation.

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin."*  
— JOHN 8:11



SEE PEOPLE WITH LOVE



EXTEND GRACE FREELY



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MERCY HEALS.



LOVE TRANSFORMS.

Bishop Francine A. Brookins, Presiding Prelate  
Reverend Spencer F. Barrett, Presiding Elder  
Reverend Phillip E. Ross, Pastor

*August 2, 2026 11:00 a.m.*  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

Praise & Worship ..... Instrumental Music

**PROCESSIONAL**

**The Doxology** ..... #647

*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen!”*

**The Call to Worship** .....

**Leader: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem!**

*People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had Rather be a door-  
keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.*

**Leader: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.**

*People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in The courts of  
our God.*

**Leader: Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house. Lord, I have loved Thy habita-  
tion, the place where Thy Honor dwelleth.**

*People: For the Lord is in His Holy temple, let all the earth keep Silence before Him.*

**Leader: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be accepta-  
ble In Thy sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer.**

**ALL: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done Marvelous things! Make  
a joyful noise unto the Lord, All the earth, sing praises.**

The Morning Hymn. .... *“Just A Little Talk With Jesus”* #351 ..... The Congregation

**The Invocation** .....

The Choral Response ..... The Bethel Choraleers

The Ministry of Music ..... The Bethel Choraleers

**The Scripture Reading** ..... *John 8:1-11*

The Preface to the Decalogue ..... *“From all that dwell below the skies”* #69

✚ Summary of the Decalogue

✚ Gloria Patri ..... *“Glory Be to the Father”* #626

The People’s Moment ..... The Social Action Committee

|                                                |                                           |           |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Announcements/Recognition of Visitors .....    | Lady Michelle Jordan                      |           |
| <b>Worship through Altar Call/Giving</b> ..... | Rev. Phillip E. Ross                      |           |
| <b>Offertory Prayer</b> .....                  | <i>“All Things Come of Thee, Oh Lord”</i> |           |
| The Song of Sermonic Preparation .....         | The Bethel Choraleers                     |           |
| The Word Proclaimed .....                      | <i>“The Theatre Of Sin”</i> .....         | Rev. Ross |
| The Invitation to Christian Discipleship ..... | Rev. Ross                                 |           |

**Holy Communion - The General Confession**

“**Almighty God**, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word and deed against Your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake; forgive us all that is past and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**”

- † 1st Collect,
- † 2nd Collect,
- † Prayer of Adoration,
- † Prayer of Humiliation,
- † Prayer of Consecration,
- † The Lords Prayer

**The Apostles Creed** ..... See Insert.....

**The Doxology** ..... **#647**  
*“Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen”!*

**The Benediction** ..... **#652**

**RECESSIONAL**

**OFFICERS OF THE DAY**

**Steward** - Sister Carol Anne Drayton    **Trustee** - Brother Sylvester Paschal

*Let's*



*Get into The  
Holy Word  
at Bethel!*

## *Bible Study with Pastor*

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

12:00 noon **LIVE** @ BETHEL and  
ZOOM - ID: 8718286140, Passcode: 12345  
Call In # 253-205-0468

## *Membership Ministries*

### **†Church School with Sister Margaret Marshall**

**"LIVE"**, Sunday Mornings 10:00am

Wednesday Evenings 6:00pm

605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

### **†Bible Study with Brother Paul Marshall**

Thursday Afternoons 12:00pm

605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

If you didn't get a chance to give your Tithes/Offering the last few Sunday's we have a QR code for your convenience! **Using your cell phone camera, point at QR code, a link will appear on your screen, select the link to be taken directly to Givelify.** Don't have a cell phone? The link is [www.givelify.com](http://www.givelify.com).

**QR Code**



## *Pray without Ceasing!*

### *"Called To The Wall"*

**†Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday Mornings** 7:00 am, 605-475-4077,  
Passcode: 920644#

**†Tuesday Evenings** 6:00 pm, 605-313-5109, Passcode: 735111#

*Prayer led by Exhorter Bobbi Smith - Morning Glory's*

**†Thursday Mornings** 6:30 am, 605-475-4007, Passcode: 920644#

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - AUGUST 2026



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY TO ALL CELEBRATING IN AUGUST



**TODAY:** Sunday Prayer Time - Join the 5th District as we gather each Sunday evening at 6:00pm (for just 30 minutes). Your prayers matter. Your presents matter. Come in the room. **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 817 7575 8872, Passcode: Music

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH - BIBLE STUDY** 12:00 noon **LIVE** @ BETHEL and on **ZOOM**. Please join us as we do a more in-depth study of Sunday, August 2nd's Scripture. Please plan to join us - **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 8718286140, PASSCODE: 12345, CALL: 253-205-0468

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH** - Presiding Elder's Quarterly Cluster, 10:00am - **ZOOM** Meeting ID: 830-3254-4577; PASSCODE: 12345, CALL: 669-444-9171

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83032544577?pwd=Zehw3F1jOt1hjpTDSao7e1r5WbkZk5.1>

Meeting chat link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/83032544577>

### Church Office Closure Notice

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH – FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST**

In observance of the **135th Session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference**, and to allow time for much-deserved rest, reflection, and meditation, the **Bethel AME Church Office** will be closed.

We appreciate your understanding and continued prayers during this time.

The church office will **reopen on Monday, August 24th**. We look forward to serving you again refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready for the **2026–2027 Conference Year**.

*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

**Matthew 11:28 (NIV)**

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL BOARD AND ORGANIZATION MEETINGS ARE CANCELED UNTIL SEPTEMBER**



National Black Business Month, observed every August, is a time to recognize and support Black-owned business across the United States. Established in 2004 by historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr., this month-long celebration aims to highlight the critical role Black-owned businesses play in the nation's economy, as well as the unique challenges they face.





*Join Us!*

**NEW**

# *Children's and Youth Choir*

**— AT BETHEL AME CHURCH —**

**AGES: 4 - 15 YEARS OF AGE**



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Choir Director



**BROTHER CALVIN ALLMON**  
Pianist



**SISTER ANTOINETTE DAVIS**  
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**LADY ANDREA ROSS**  
Advisor



**SISTER CAROL ANN DRAYTON**  
Team Member



**REV. PHILLIP E. ROSS**  
Pastor

## **BEGINNING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:**



**SATURDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
12:00PM - 1:00PM



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
12:00PM - 1:00PM



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
12:00PM - 1:00PM



If more information is needed,  
please email Sister Cross at [3306.dj67@gmail.com](mailto:3306.dj67@gmail.com)



*Will sing in*  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**



**RAISE YOUR VOICE. PRAISE THE LORD. MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! ♥**

## *Prayer for the Sick & Shut-in, but Never Shut-out*

*We are believing the promise of **James 5:14-15** for the following:*

Ainya Bradford, Mildred Scurlock, Cynthia Triplet, Jean Winters, Joil & Cynthia Southwell, Chrisanna Martines Woods, Stephanie Thompson, Ethel Love, Joan Cook, Elmira Davis, Rev. Maurice Wright, Elizabeth Taylor, Denson Fowlks, SataieVior Ayilola, Hailey Peoples, Alyce Bowser, Rev. Jack Walker, Sister Dorothy Fuller, Luther Evans, Helen Irwin, Vashti Johnson, and Keith Edwards, Yvonne Smith, and Mother Judy Payne. Special prayer for Brother. Antonio and Sister Donna Harris and the entire family of Brother Walter Kay.

**\*\*Please submit all requests to the Church Office Manager by Wednesday to have members included on the Prayer List. Please remember those who are currently unwell or grieving with prayers, cards, and phone calls.**

*\*\*Members who are absent can give their tithes and offerings by mailing to our address, through Givelify or can contact your Class Leader or one of our Stewards, and they will coordinate a safe way to receive your gifts and return them straight to the Bethel AME Church. We thank you for supporting this ministry and following the biblical principle of giving.*



### **TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PASTOR**

**Email - [RevPRoss@yahoo.com](mailto:RevPRoss@yahoo.com)**

Please provide your name, phone#, and email address.

*You'll receive an appointment confirmation via email.*

(ALL appointments will be scheduled for 30 minutes

UNLESS more time is requested when making the appointment)

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Reverend Miriam J. Burnett MD, MPH  
Episcopal Supervisor of Missions  
Fifth Episcopal District

Reverend T.W. Payne IV  
Co-Host  
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Tickets for virtual attendance to the 135th Session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference Wednesday, August 12, 2026 @ 7:00am - Saturday, August 15, 2026 @7:00pm can now be reserved online using the **EVENTBRITE** app for