

Bethel United Methodist Church
"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way Of Life"

HERITAGE SUNDAY
APRIL 25, 1999

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Christine Calcagno

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER

Leader: Almighty God, you have raised up servants to proclaim the gift of redemption and a life of holiness.

People: For our spiritual forebears who were inspired by your Spirit, we give thanks.

Leader: In their ministry, through their difficulties, and in spite of their weaknesses, you were their hope and their salvation.

People: You led them and their followers to create the heritage that is ours.

Leader: We praise you for the women and men, young and old, who followed them, who gave themselves unselfishly for the welfare of the church, whose commitment and vision encouraged and supported the church. Their talents, enthusiasm, idealism, and dedication infused the Church with energy.

People: Their outstanding gifts and witness shaped our thought and life. We praise you for these countless members of your Church, whose names we now remember ...

Silent Prayer as we name in our hearts those who have given us our Christian Heritage.

Leader: And we give you thanks for the place of our rich tradition among the churches which comprise the Body of Christ.

People: With all your people throughout creation, give us a new vision, new love, new wisdom, and fresh understanding, that we may serve you more fully; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

HYMN

"The Church in the Wildwood"

Song Sheet

A TIME OF REMEMBERING

You are invited to share memories of your Christian Heritage

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Song Sheet

SCRIPTURE READING

I Peter 1:3-9

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Joys and Concerns - Pastoral Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING

Doxology

Song Sheet

HYMN

"He Touched Me"

Song Sheet

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

"A Living Hope"
Magrey R. deVega

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR VLADY AND DASHA

HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Song Sheet

BENEDICTION