

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

Mission: "To Give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ"

July 25, 2021 8:00 & 10:30 AM

PREPARATION for WORSHIP

The Prelude "Great Things He Hath Done" Crouch

Welcome to Worship Pastor Dennis L. Otto
(All are asked to complete the connection card. Leave it at your seat and it will be gathered after the service by members of the Hospitality Team. Thank you.)

Gathering Song "Thou Art Worth" (10:30)
From Faith We Sing #2041

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PRAISE

Call to Worship (people read bold print) Psalm 27, sel.

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything?

I have asked one thing from the Lord – it's all I seek –

**To live in the Lord's house all the days of my life
and seeing the Lord's beauty and constantly adoring his temple.**

Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times;

**He will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high
safe on a rock.**

Invocation (in unison)

Loving God, we gather before you with joyous hearts. The news cannot darken this hour. The challenges of our daily lives cannot overwhelm the joy of knowing you. The tragedies and losses of life are capable of drawing us closer to you rather than separating us from you. In this time make your presence so real and powerful that we will leave here renewed in our lives and sent into the world on your mission.

