



**Bethel United Church of Christ
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August 14, 2022**

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“Many are searching for a new kind of wisdom to live by, one that is scientifically sophisticated, technologically advanced, morally just, ecologically sustainable, and spiritually alive.”

Rev. John Thomas, past UCC General Minister, *A New Voice Arising*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Bethel Praise Team

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(responsive)*

In the fire and the flames, your Spirit appears to bless and inspire us.

In division and despair, Christ arrives to challenge and invite us.

In the shadows and the sorrow,

God walks alongside to lift us up.

Dave Schindler

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(unison)*

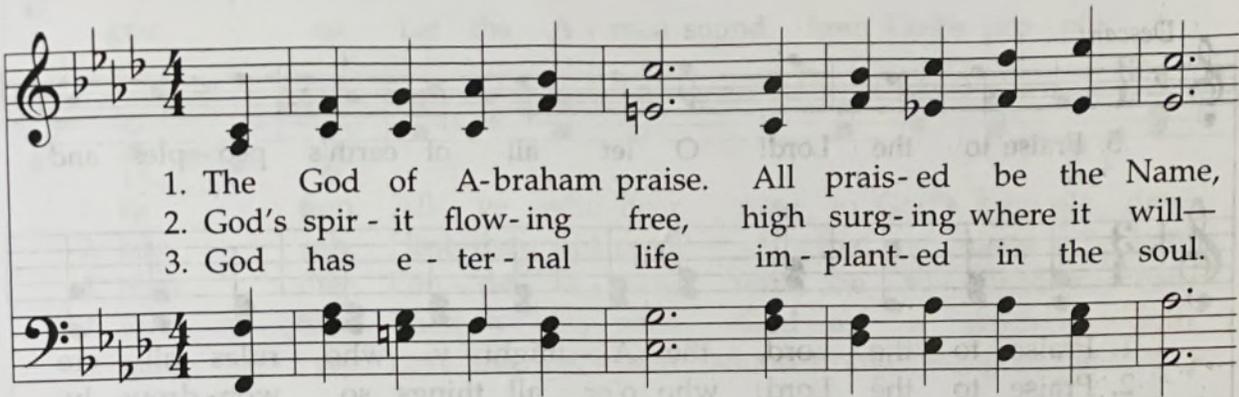
Christ of mysterious paradox, enter the paradox of our lives. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN#24**

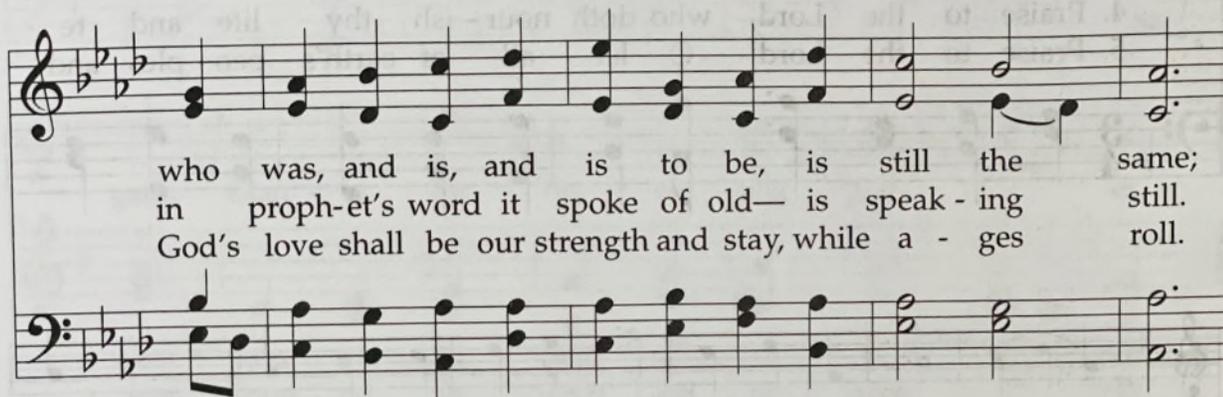
“The God of Abraham Praise”

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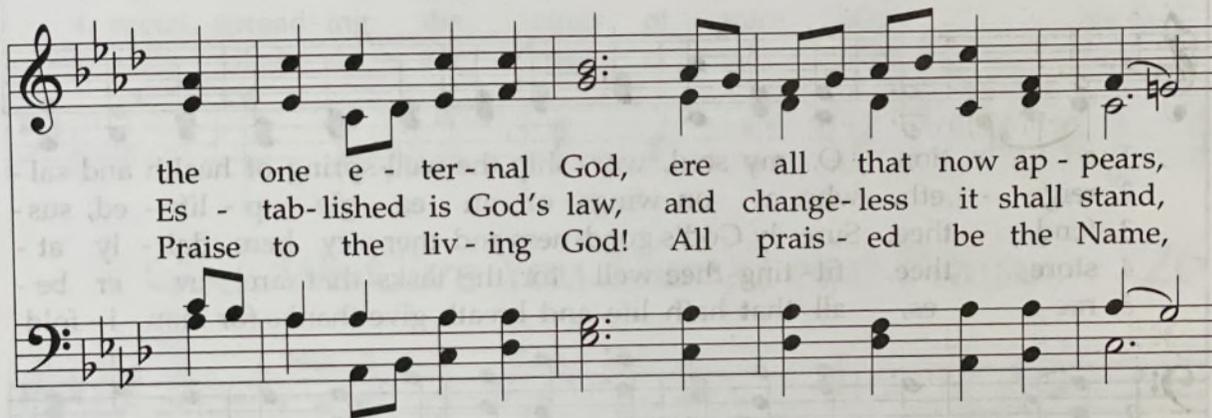
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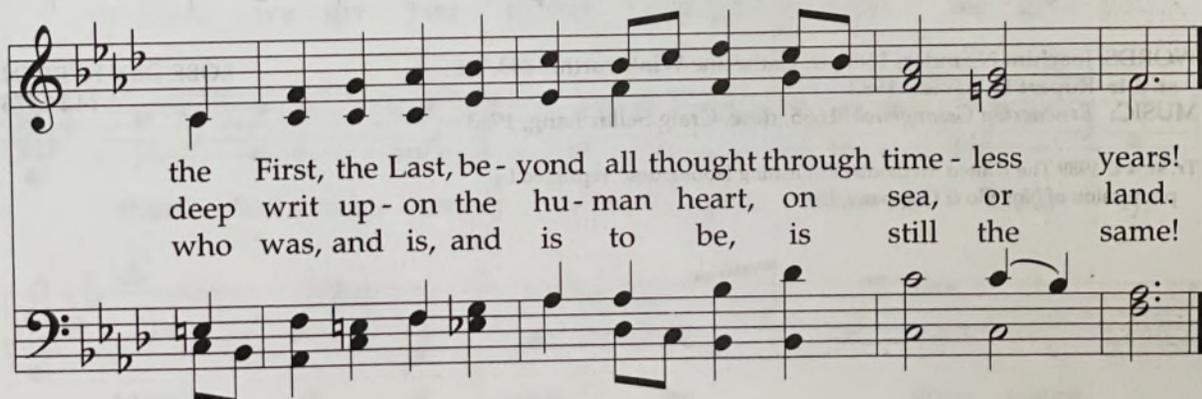
1. The God of A-braham praise. All prais-ed be the Name,
2. God's spir - it flow - ing free, high surg - ing where it will—
3. God has e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul.



who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
in proph-et's word it spoke of old— is speak - ing still.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



the one e - ter - nal God, ere all that now ap - pears,
Es - tab - lished is God's law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be the Name,



the First, the Last, be - yond all thought through time - less years!
deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, or land.
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As Children return to their seats the congregation sings "*Jesus Loves Me!*" Vs. 1

Jesus loves me! This I know for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

SPECIAL MUSIC

OUR SACRED TEXT

Psalm 67:4

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
Selah

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

***HYMN#545**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

545 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heaven-ly com- fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; by wa - ters still, o'er
 by thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis thy hand that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me:

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

***RESPONSE #306**

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" (number 306). The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men." The music is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The piano part features a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory

*Response to Praise

Chad Willis, piano

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above the heavenly host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***CLOSING HYMN #33**

"How Great Thou Art"

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 he bled and died, to take a-way my sin;
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee;

how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, Piano

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – AUGUST 14, 2022

Mary Fleener's friends JT & Nancy Thomas; **Jody Meyer, Liz Guevel; Jan Rickert, Debbie Robinett, Darleen Jurgensen,** Caleb Shonkwiler, **Jamie Elder's** grandson; **Lauri Buck; Cathy Leslie;** Eddy Carrera friend of **Cathy Leslie; Marilyn Helmich; Vickie Cox; Marty Pace's** sister & brother-in-law, Michelle & Dan Schadt; **Rachel Wolfe's** aunt and uncle, Beverly & Reggie Wolfe; **Elaine McDuff; Pat Armstrong's** friends, Frank & Sharon Canino; Sam & Hazel Brewer; **Linda Jackson; Jim Derry; Lauri Buck's** brother, Paul Wobus; the Hershman family, relatives of **AnnaLee Kapp** and her friend Julie; **Bob Atkinson's** brother, David; **Gerry Hendrix's** friend Janice Mathew; **Gerry Hendrix's** sister Donna Cobb; **Jim Burr; Bobbi Wendle; Marilyn Helmich's** sister-in-law, Margie Havener & daughter, Carolyn McNeal; Nancy Niederhauser, **Stan Niederhauser's** mother; Jean Andrews & Charlene Schillie, friends of Adele Jones; **Lauri Buck's** friend Shelly Boone; **Randy Pace's** friend, Marvin Jackson; **Jamie Elder; Vicki Thompson's** brother working at NKC Hospital and all health care providers; **Alice & Jim Inman; Vern Bohlmeier; Doug Berka; Kathy Corn's** friend, Ginger; Crittenton Center staff and residents, prayers for all medical staff and first responders; **Mollie Geitz; Jeanene Easley;** Karen Lind-Olson, sister of **Doug Berka; Jody Meyer's** niece Delores Starr and great niece, Diane Shoemaker. Please keep us informed of any additions or corrections to the Prayer List.

August Benevolence – Festival of Sharing is a cooperative response to world hunger, poverty, and injustice. These concerns motivate our actions to raise awareness of the causes and generate solutions. Our goal is to promote and support projects and programs by providing funding and resource goods. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference in the lives of people in need. This year there are seven regional events throughout September-October. These interfaith gatherings of resources connect the state of Missouri with a common goal: providing resources for our neighbors in need. Kansas City's Sharefest is Saturday, September 24 at Red Bridge UMC (636 E 117th St, Kansas City, MO 64131). Bethel is collecting money for Cleanup Buckets, MO Women's Prison Kits and Food Boxes.

Continue to support Bethel - You can support Bethel through Tithely or by sending a check to Bethel. Thank you all for your continued support. Your support makes a difference in our community and beyond.

August Birthdays

8/3 James Marshall	8/15 Mary Fleener	8/22 Art Todtenhausen
8/5 Preston Corn	8/15 Jennie Watkins	8/23 Liz Guevel
8/7 Dave Schindler	8/16 Declan Terrill	8/24 Ted Basch
8/9 Susan Schindler	8/16 Clark Thorson	8/24 Fulvio Hayes
8/9 Bob Buck	8/17 Marilyn Donahoe	8/31 Dale Rickert
8/9 Sonja Payne		

Bethel Phone Service Changeover Complete—Bethel number (816-453-2628) is active. We now have a virtual assistant that responds when you call Bethel.

Save the Date:

- August 21—Not So Young Adults planning session following worship
- September 4—Pastor Judy's last Sunday at Bethel, reception in Northroom following worship
- September 11—Pastor Laura's first Sunday and Rally Day

Best Choice Labels—Keep clipping the bar codes off your Best Choice goods. For every 1,000 Festival of Sharing receives they can redeem them for \$33.00. Labels must be turned in this month for Festival of Sharing. You may put your labels in the basket on the table by the offering plate as you enter the Sanctuary.