

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 215

1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain of tri-um-phant glad-ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to-day; Christ hath burst his pris-on,
 3. Now the bright-est sea-son dawns with the day of splen-dor,

God hath brought forth Is-ra-el in-to joy from sad-ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris-en;
 now the roy-al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren-der;

loosed from Phar-ah's bit-ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters,
 all the win-ter of our sins, long and bleak, is fly-ing
 comes to glad Je-ru-sa-lem, who with true af-fec-tion

led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa-ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un-dy-ing.
 wel-comes in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

*HYMN#207

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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1. In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the wrecks of time;
2. When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and fears an - noy,
3. When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up - on my way,
4. Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are sanc - ti - fied;

all the light of sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
nev - er shall the cross for - sake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.
from the cross the ra - dianc e stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
peace is there, that knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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

*RESPONSE #306

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,

in - cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

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 #534 "When Our Confidence is Shaken"

534 When Our Confidence Is Shaken

1. When our con - fi - dence is shak - en in be -
2. So - lar sys - tems, void of mean - ing, freeze the
3. In the dis - ci - pline of pray - ing, when it's
4. God is love, and thus re - deems us in the

liefs we thought se - cure, when the spir - it in its
spir - it in - to stone; al - ways our re - search - es
hard - est to be - lieve; in the drudg - er - y of
Christ we cru - ci - fy; this is God's e - ter - nal

sick - ness seeks but can - not find a cure, God is
lead us to the ul - ti - mate un - known. Faith must
car - ing, when it's not e - nough to grieve; faith, ma -
an - swer to the world's e - ter - nal why. May we

ac - tive in the ten - sions of a faith not yet ma - ture.
die, or come full cir - cle to its source in God a - lone.
tur - ing, learns ac - cep - tance of the in - sights we re - ceive.
in this faith ma - tur - ing be con - tent to live and die!

COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, Piano

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – AUGUST 21, 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.

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.

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

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

Not So Young Adults – Planning session following worship

Save the Date:

- September 4—Pastor Judy's last Sunday at Bethel, reception in Northroom following worship
- September 11—Pastor Laura's first Sunday and Rally Day
- October 8 – CROP Walk