

Bethel United Church of Christ
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday
May 29, 2022

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*"Bring me a worm that can comprehend a man, and then I
will show you a man that can comprehend the Triune God."*

John Wesley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

Bethel Praise Team

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

Clap your hands! Shout for joy!

Our Lord reigns on the throne of glory!

We open our hearts to the ascended Lord,
who sits on the throne of glory!

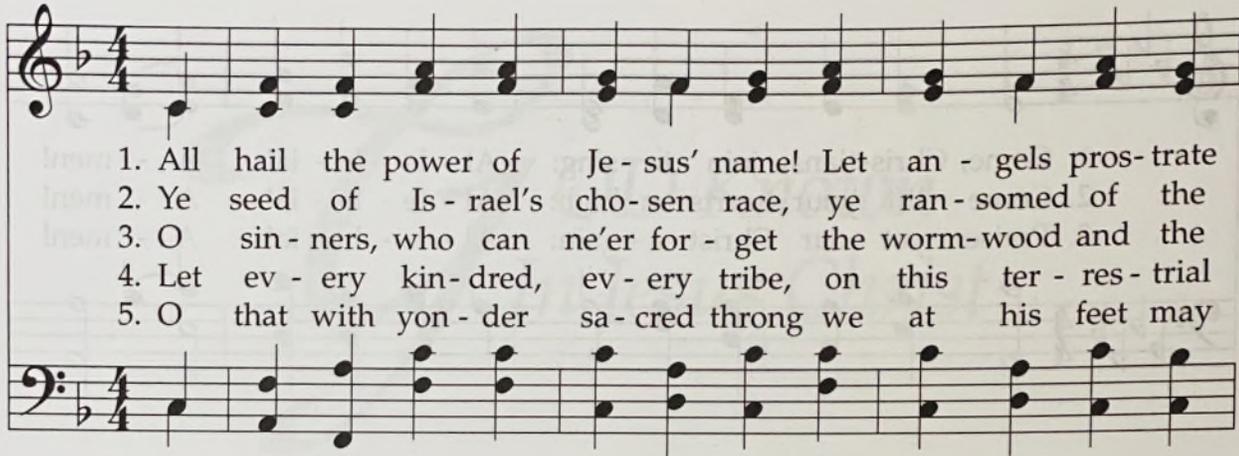
***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*unison*)

**Lord of Lords, illumine our hearts this day, that we may feel your glory and live into the hope to which
you have called us. Amen.**

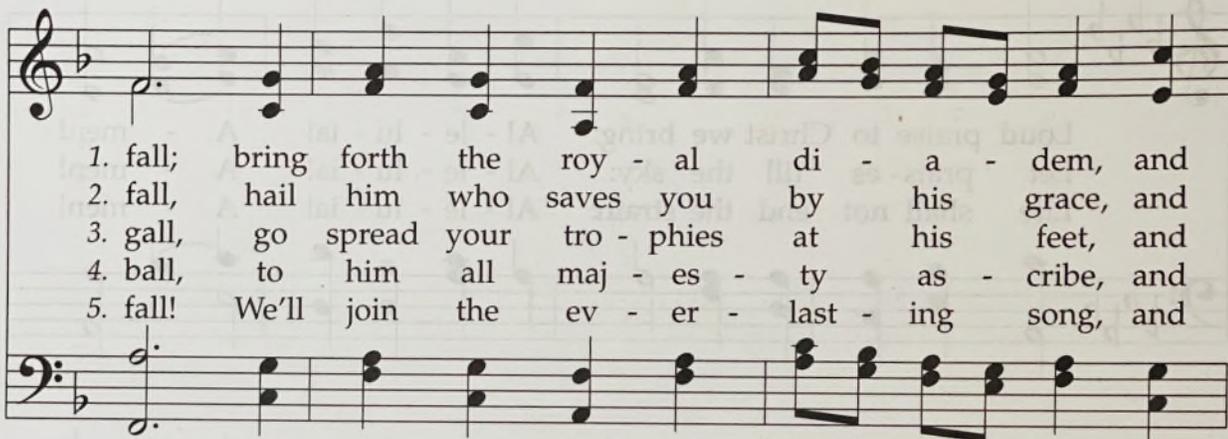
***OPENING HYMN#91**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

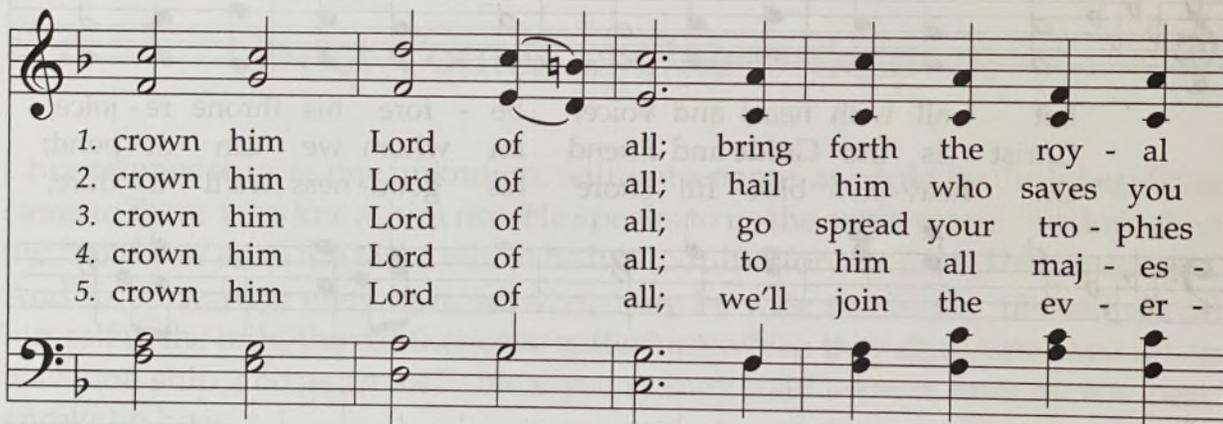
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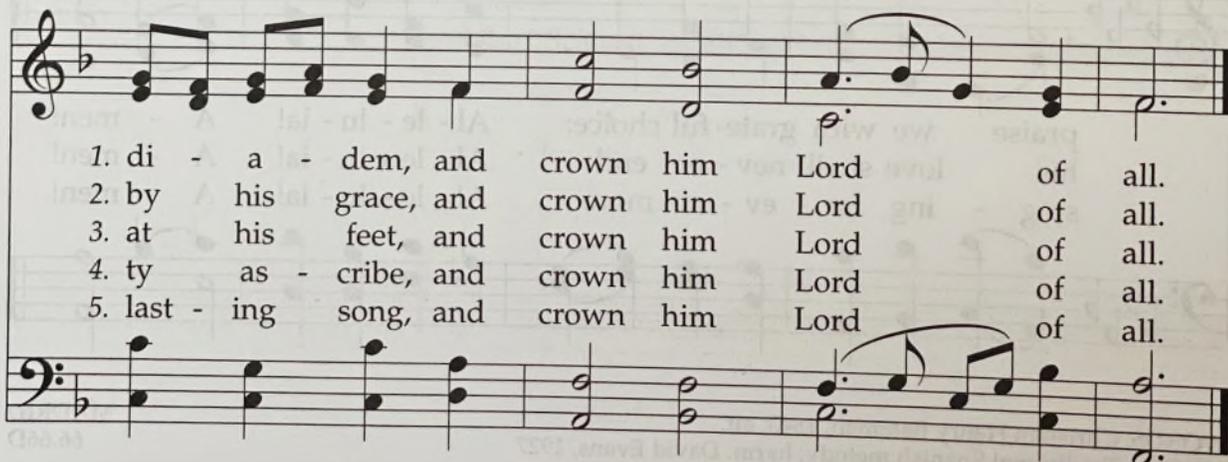
1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
 3. O sin - ners, who can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial
 5. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may



1. fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
 2. fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
 3. gall, go spread your tro - phies at his feet, and
 4. ball, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and
 5. fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and



1. crown him Lord of all; bring forth the roy - al
 2. crown him Lord of all; hail him who saves you
 3. crown him Lord of all; go spread your tro - phies
 4. crown him Lord of all; to him all maj - es -
 5. crown him Lord of all; we'll join the ev - er -



1. di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all.
 2. by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
 3. at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 4. ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 5. last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As Children leave for Sunday School 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.

OUR SACRED TEXT

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Built on a Rock" Althouse

Bethel Choir

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

*HYMN#234

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

Hark! how the heaven-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
 those wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 his glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory

*Response to Praise

*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.*

Chad Willis, piano

Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN#129**

"Lift Up Your Head, O Mighty Gates"

Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates 129

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates' (number 129). It is written in 4/4 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

1. Lift up your heads, O might-y gates; be-hold the glo-ri-ous
2. Fling wide the por-tals of your heart; make it a tem-ple,
3. Re-deem-er, come! We o-pen wide our hearts to you; here,
4. So come, our Sov-ereign; en-ter in! Let new and no-bler

Rul-er waits! The Sov-ereign One is draw-ing
set a-part from earth-ly use for heav-en's em-
Christ, a-bide! Let us your in-ner pres-ence
life be-gin; your Ho-ly Spir-it guide us

near; the Sav-ior of the world is here.
ploy, a-dorned with prayer and love and joy.
feel, your grace and love in us re-veal.
on, un-til the glo-ri-ous crown be-won.

COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

Wear Red for Pentecost – June 5

Prayers: Cathy Leslie; Lauri Buck's friend, Gary Adams; Marilyn Helmich; Fred Lauer; Marty Pace's sister & brother-in-law, Michelle & Dan Schadt; Alice Conrad, Shellie Willis' cousin; Rachel Wolfe's aunt and uncle, Beverly & Reggie Wolfe; Elaine McDuff; Pat Armstrong's friends, Donna Thornton & Frank & Sharon Canino; Linda Jackson; Jim Derry; Lauri Buck's brother, Paul Wobus; Jane Bohlmeier; the Hershman family, relatives of AnnaLee Kaap; Bob Atkinson's brother, David; Gerry Hendrix's friend Janice Mathew; Debbie Robinett's daughter, Michelle Proudfit-Glunt; 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; Bonnie & Bill Kuhn, friends of Mary Fleener; Caleb Shonkwiler, Jamie Elder's grandson; 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.

May Benevolence - This month's special benevolence is Strengthen the Church. It's one of our UCC 5 for 5 missions. Strengthen the Church offering supports congregations across the UCC in many ways. In the last year, investments in technology allowed many United Church of Christ congregations to enhance their online worship services. Other funds enabled new and renewing churches to grow their communities, one in a gentrifying neighborhood, others on a college campus and a town square. COVID-19 grants empowered 50 churches to better serve their neighbors and their congregants gathering virtually during the pandemic. All of these ministries were supported through gifts to Strengthen the Church.

Gentler Way Free Retreat June 11th - Hi Ladies of Bethel! Kathy Corn is leading a "Free" Relaxation Retreat for you and guests! Put this on your calendar... Saturday, June 11th, 9-12AM. No masks required. Please bring goodies to share! Drinks will be provided. We will relax, laugh and share comfort ideas. There is only one free retreat per year, so grab a friend and don't miss it!

CPR/AED Training- Coming soon information on CPR/AED training. Please consider participating in Bethel's CPR/AED training. We need 5—6 people trained to operate the **AED**, or automated external defibrillator, that is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. If you are interested, please contact the church office by email bethelucckc@gmail.com or by phone 816-453-2628.

Kansas City PrideFest is an LGBTQ+ festival featuring a main stage with local acts, vendors, food trucks, family activities, and more. The festival will take place from Friday, June 10th through Sunday, June 12th at Theis Park. All ages welcome. Sunday is focused on family-friendly entertainment and activities. Hours of the event are June 10 5 pm—10 pm, June 11 Noon—10 pm and June 12 11 pm—5 pm. If you can volunteer for an hour or two contact the church office at 816-453-2628 or by email: bethelucckc@gmail.com

Request from Sew & Serve – The members of the present Sew & Serve are going to disband. If there is a group of ladies that would like to take over that would be wonderful. If not, the fabric and craft items will be given away or sold. Presently the ladies are working at cleaning out and throwing away unusable items. If you know of any charitable organizations that could use any of the items, please call the Church at 453-2628 or Sandy Bohlmeier at 816-407-1907.

June Birthdays

6/6	Olivia Bunch	6/17	Lauren Thorson
6/7	Dale Reith	6/20	Nathan Mason
6/12	Lauri Buck, Samantha Hendrix, Melinda Teague	6/21	Curt Lane
6/15	Kathy Harms	6/23	Hance Pierson
		6/28	Sara Niederhauser