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Bethel United Church of Christ Bulletin

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Bethel United Church of Christ – Kansas City on
Facebook Live & YouTube**

"God without you won't. You without God can't."

Desmond Tutu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"Arise"

Bethel Praise Team

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liz Guevel

Do not be afraid, little ones. It is God's pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Praise be to God!

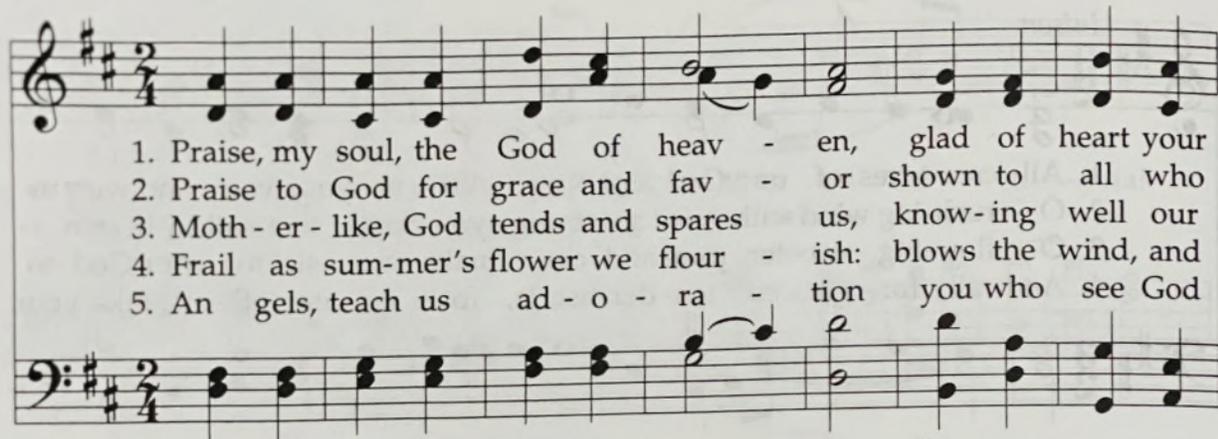
***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)**

God of light and love, you take delight in your creation. Ignite our spirits to worship you with sincerity. Illumine our minds with the truth of your word. Inspire our hearts to seek your treasure alone, that our hearts may be pure and our actions may be noble and just in your sight. Amen.

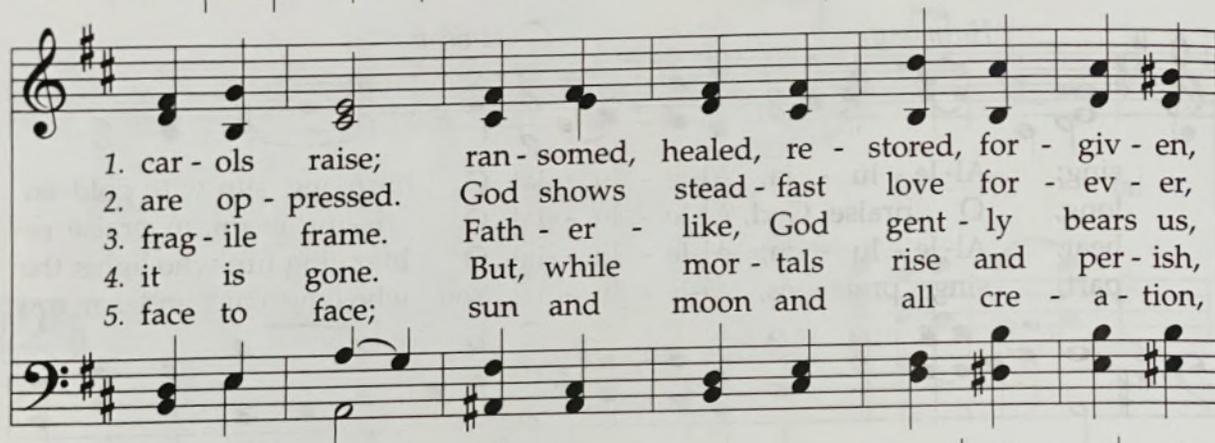
***OPENING HYMN#23**

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

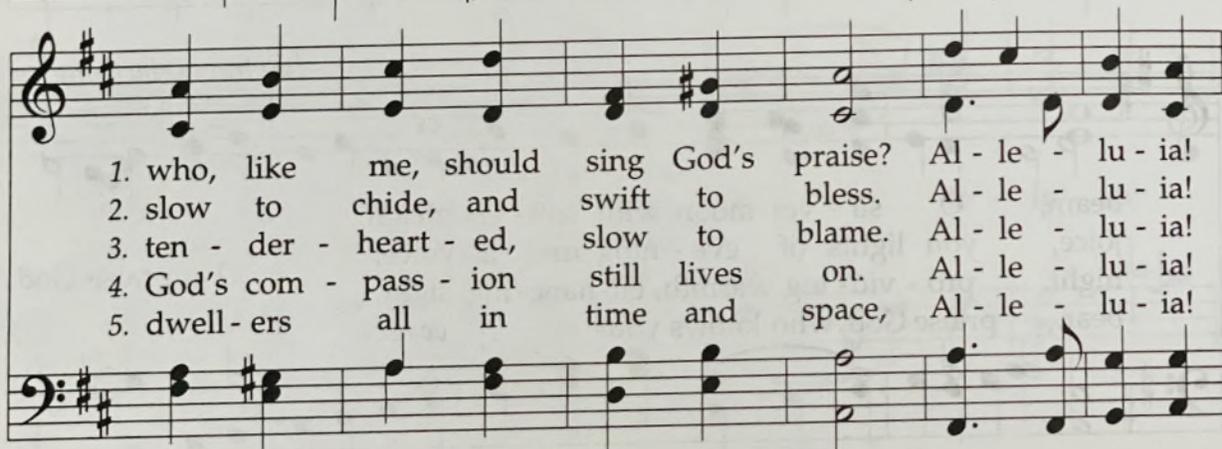
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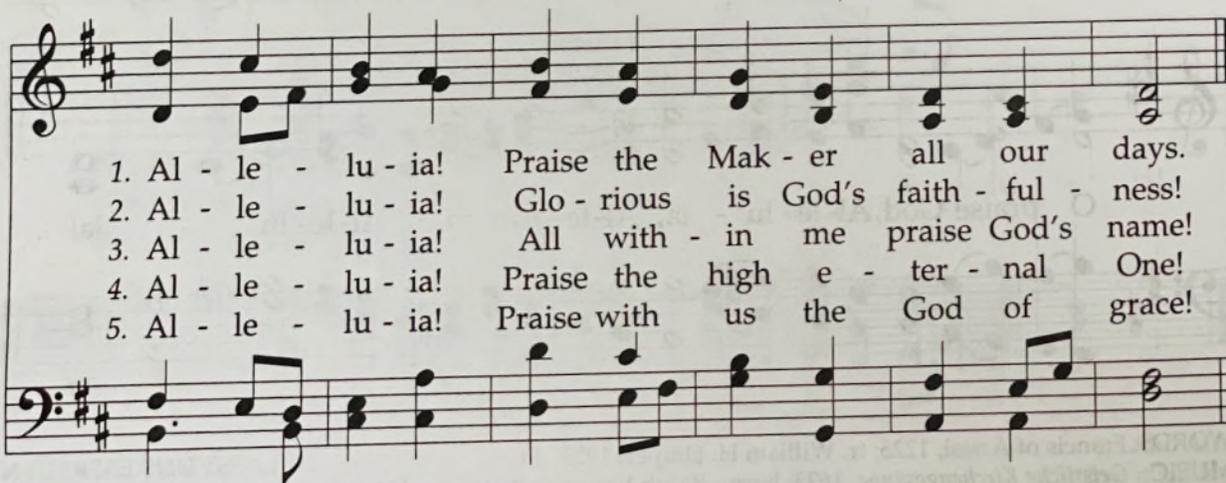
1. Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your
 2. Praise to God for grace and fav - or shown to all who
 3. Moth - er - like, God tends and spares us, know - ing well our
 4. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish: blows the wind, and
 5. An gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion you who see God



1. car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 2. are op - pressed. God shows stead - fast love for - ev - er,
 3. frag - ile frame. Fath - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 4. it is gone. But, while mor - tals rise and per - ish,
 5. face to face; sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



1. who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. ten - der - heart - ed, slow to blame. Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. God's com - pass - ion still lives on. Al - le - lu - ia!
 5. dwell - ers all in time and space, Al - le - lu - ia!



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all our days.
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me praise God's name!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal One!
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

MESSAGE

*HYMN#581

"Near to the Heart of God"

581

Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God;
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore you near to the heart of God.

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

RESPONSE #305

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

305 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your spir-it
in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!

1 (optional) Final

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: 'Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace. grace!'. The score includes first and final endings for the final phrase.

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

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your presence in our lives. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, and through the Holy Spirit. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN#576**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

576

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

***COMMISSION/BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, piano

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – AUGUST 7, 2022

Prayers : ; **Liz Guevel; Jody Meyer; Jan Rickert; Debbie Robinett, Darleen Jurgensen;** Caleb Shonkwiler, **Jamie Elder's** grandson; **Laurie Buck; Cathy Leslie;** Eddy Barrera 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; **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.

Special Request - Caleb Shonkwiler (Jamie Elder's grandson) Caleb is doing well at home and is walking a mile each day to build up his strength. Cards are so appreciated.

Caleb Shonkwiler
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Liberty, MO 64068

Thank you, Jamie Elder

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.

August 12—Bethel's Got Talent Show - 7 PM Sign up your talent in the Narthex

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.

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		

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