



**Bethel United Church of Christ  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 10, 2022**

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*"And so by fateful chance the Negro folk-song -- the rhythmic cry of the slave -- stands today- not simply as the sole American music, but as the most beautiful expression of human experience born this side the seas."*  
W.E.B. DuBois 20C (sociologist, historian, Civil Rights activist)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC**

*"You are Holy"*

Bethel Praise Team

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

Shout to the Lord, you people of God.

**Bring your petitions before the judgment seat.**

Proclaim your case before God's holy council.

**Worship the one who heeds our pleas, frees the captives, and sustains the widows and orphans.**

Sing to the Lord, you children of the Most High.

**Worship the one who responds to our needs, heals our wounds, and fills our world with light.**

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

**God of power and might, turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. For only in loving can we lead lives worthy of your calling. Grant us the courage to live with the saints in the glory of your love. Fill us with your grace and peace, that we may know the richness of eternal life in your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN#62**

*"Creator God, Creating Still"*

**Creator God, Creating Still 62**

1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,  
2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,  
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,  
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day we need your pres - ence still.

cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.  
pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.  
em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

## **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**

### **Amos 7:1-2**

This is what the Lord GOD showed me: he was forming locusts at the time the latter growth began to sprout (it was the latter growth after the king's mowings). When they had finished eating the grass of the land, I said, "O Lord GOD, forgive, I beg you! How can Jacob stand? He is so small!"

### **Joel 1:4**

What the cutting locust left, the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten, and what the hopping locust left, the destroying locust has eaten.

### **Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

## **MESSAGE**

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

### **\*HYMN #501**

*"There Is Balm in Gilead"*

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole,

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

*Unison*

1. Some - times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
2. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can
3. Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend; and

*D.C.*

then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 tell the love of Je - sus, and say, "He died for all!"  
 if you lack for knowl-edge He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER** (*forgive us our sins...*)

**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

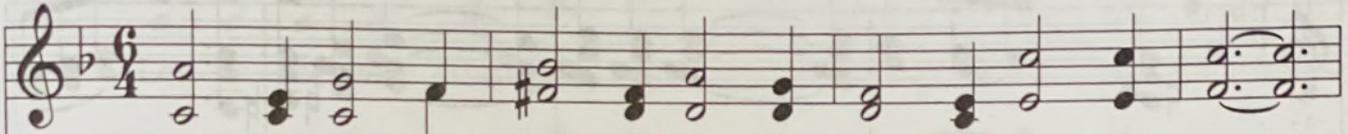
Chad Willis

*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.*

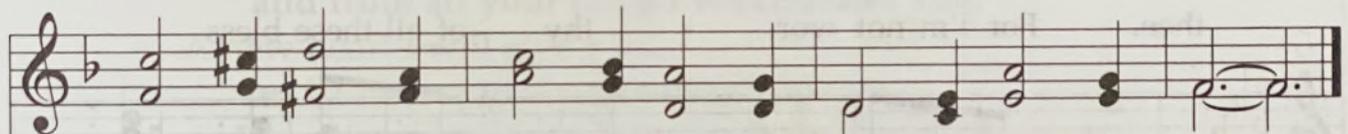
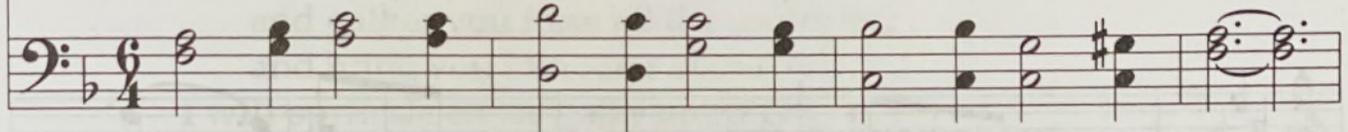
**\*CLOSING HYMN#514**

*"God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty"*

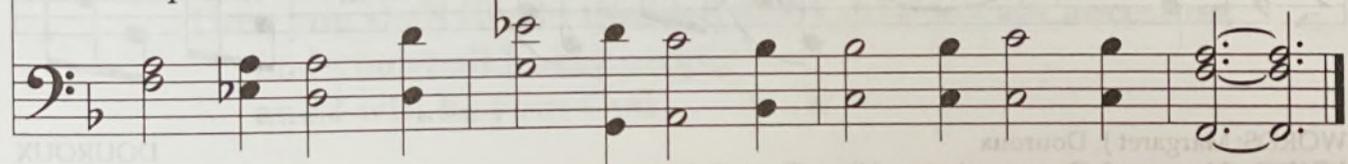
# God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty 514



1. God, who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.
2. Like your springs and run - ning wa - ters, make me crys - tal pure.
3. Like your danc - ing waves in sun - light, make me glad and free.
4. Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, lift my thoughts a - bove.
5. God, who touch - es earth with beau - ty, make my heart a - new.



1. With your Spir - it re - cre - ate me pure and strong and true.
2. Like your rocks of tower - ing gran - deur, make me strong and sure.
3. Like the straight - ness of the pine trees let me up - right be.
4. Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, min - is - tries of love.
5. Keep me ev - er, by your Spir - it, pure and strong and true.



## COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Chad Willis

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JULY 10, 2022

*Prayers:* Janet Craig. Sew & Serve volunteer; 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; Alice Conrad, **Shellie Willis'** cousin; **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; **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; **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.

## July Benevolences:

**Northland Assistance Center - NAC** is a community-based collaborative providing rent, utilities, food, medical, hygiene items, to families and individuals in Clay and Platte counties. In 2021 they provided \$365,613.25 in goods and services to 1,044 households. This summer they are collecting School Supplies for Backpacks. We are collecting donations for school supplies for Northland Assistance Center Backpacks. The list of supplies requested: pencils, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, pocket folders, Scotch tape, crayons, wider & college ruled papers, pencil holder, red, black & blue pens, erasable markers, TI calculator, sticky notes, colored pencils, tabbed dividers, 3 ringed binder, highlighters and box of tissues. All money and supplies need to be in by Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

**Hunger Action - Feeding America** is the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization. Thanks to donations and support from businesses, government organizations and individuals like you, the Feeding America network of food banks, pantries and meal programs serve virtually every community in the United States — 40 million people, including 12 million children and 7 million seniors through a nationwide network. The United Church of Christ churches around the country are putting special emphasis on feeding the hungry and raising awareness from volunteering at food banks, to signing petitions, to wearing the color orange, to sending meals to underprivileged children. Congregations can make it clear that hunger is an issue everyone should care about all year long.

**Reminder – Bethel Needs You** - It's important to remember Bethel's work continues year-round. Bethel continues working on missions and supporting the community. Even though you may be participating remotely with Bethel activities the church's expenses to produce the online service and other missions continues. Please continue making your contributions to Bethel's missions and budget. You can support Bethel through [Tithe.ly](https://www.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.

## Save the Dates:

- July 24— Missouri Mid-South Transitional Conference Minister, Rev. Mary W. Nelson will be visiting Bethel and delivering the message on that Sunday.
- July 31—Second Quarter Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.
- August 12—Bethel's Got Talent Show

## July Birthdays

7/1 Jessica Faust

7/5 Charlene Borgman

7/9 Chella Lauer

7/15 Gordon Hendrix

7/16 Jerry Teague

7/18 Anthony Hayes, Doug Van Slyke

7/19 Dustin Kenyon, Emma Marshall

7/24 Don Sand

7/30 Staci Van Slyke