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*"He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented  
with what he would like to have."*

Socrates 5C BCE

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING MUSIC**

*"You Shine"*

Bethel Praise Team

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

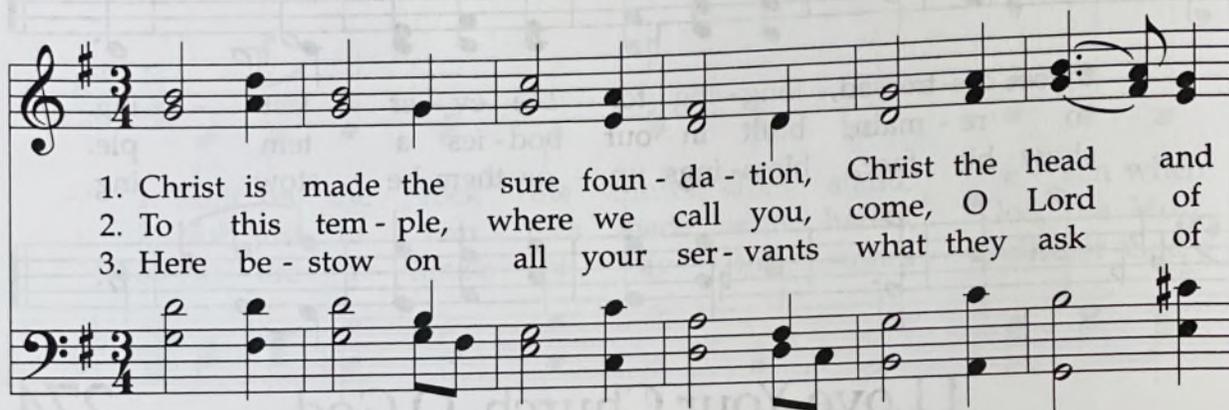
Even when we forget that God watches over us,  
**God loves and redeems us.**

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

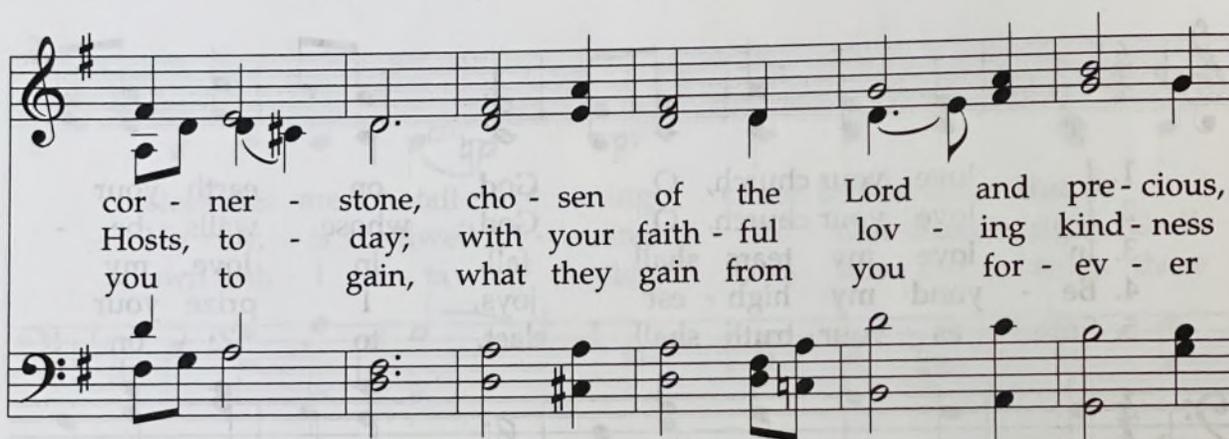
**As we come before you God, help us perceive the things and attitudes we need to change. As we open ourselves to your healing presence, fill us with the Spirit of your love and wholeness. Amen.**

### **\*OPENING HYMN#275   *"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"***

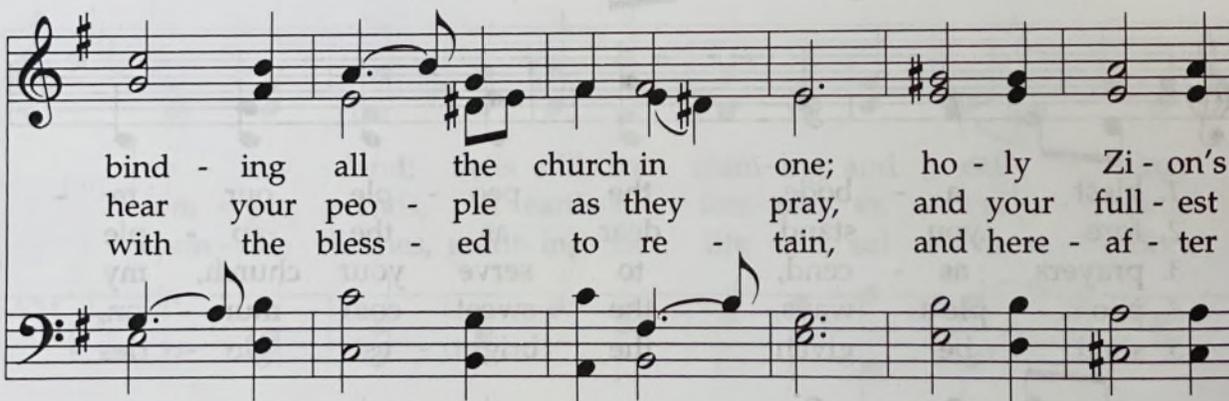
## 275 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



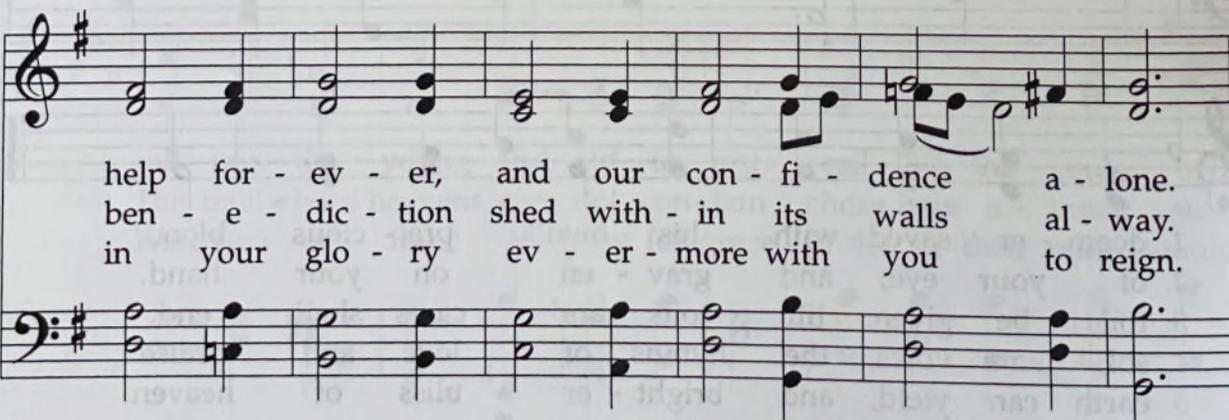
1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 Hosts, to - day; with your faith - ful lov - ing kind - ness  
 you to gain, what they gain from you for - ev - er



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray, and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.

## 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 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

### Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

## MESSAGE

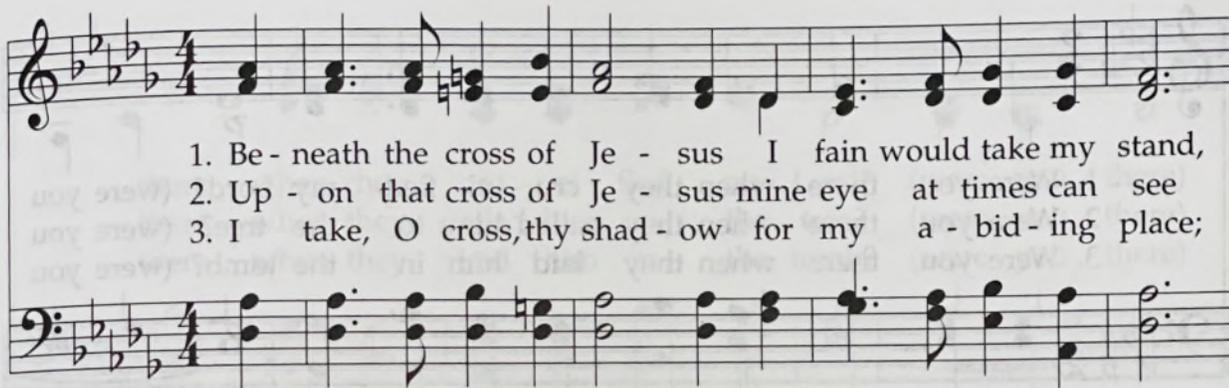
Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

\*HYMN#197

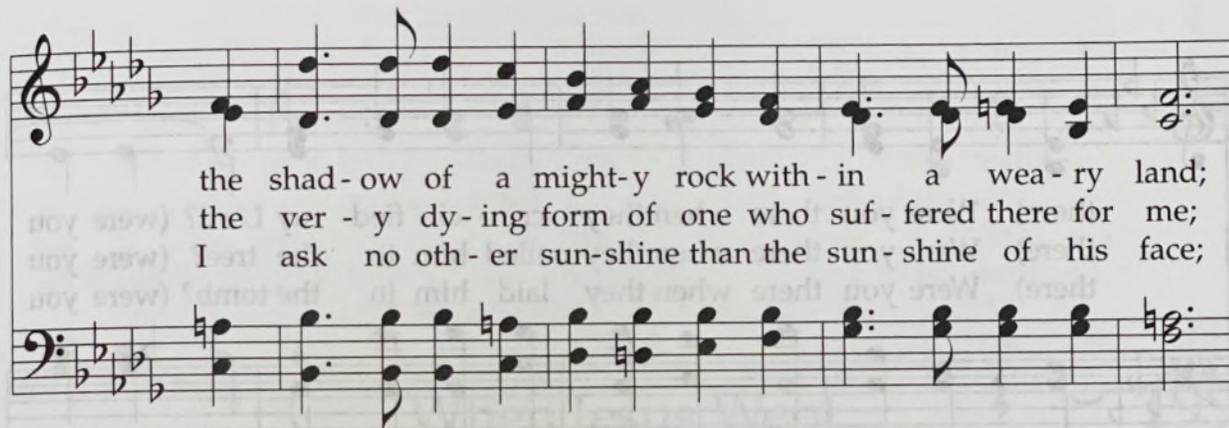
*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

# Beneath the Cross of Jesus

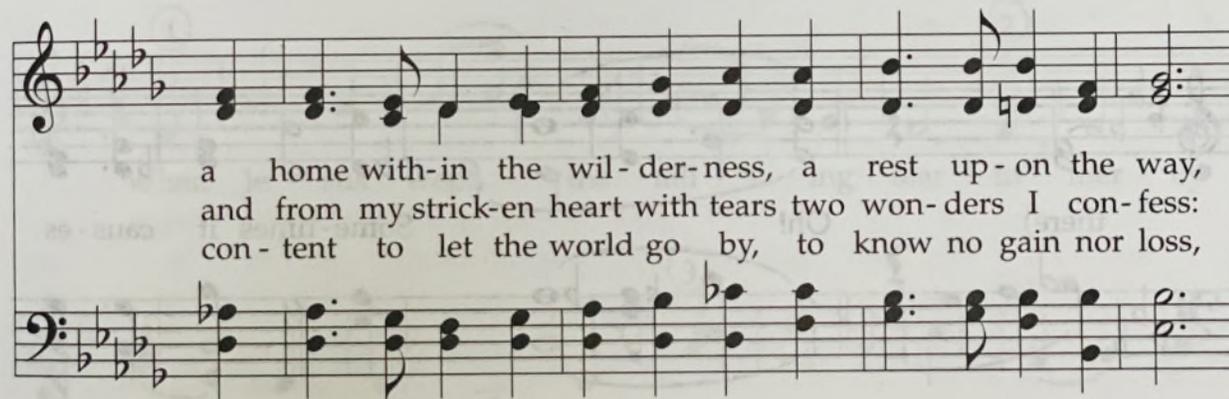
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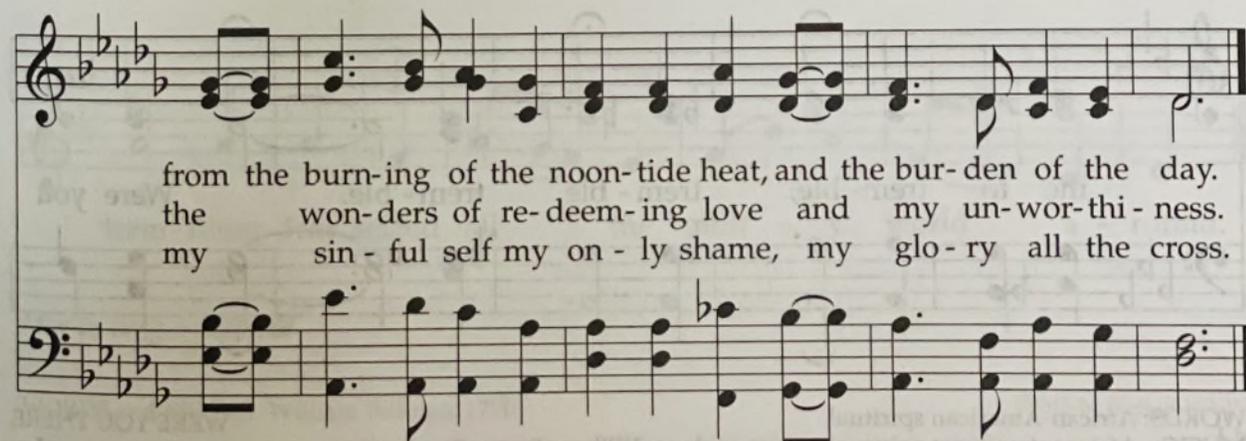
1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

**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 unison response. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has 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 a first ending marked "1 (optional)" and a final ending marked "Final".

**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

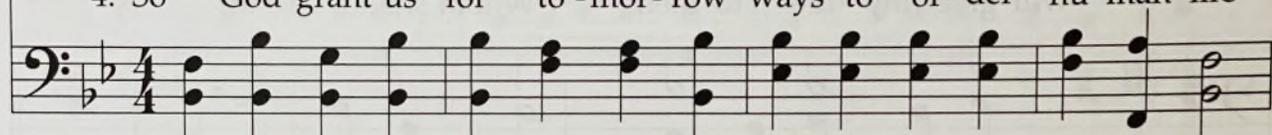
**\*CLOSING HYMN#453**

*"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

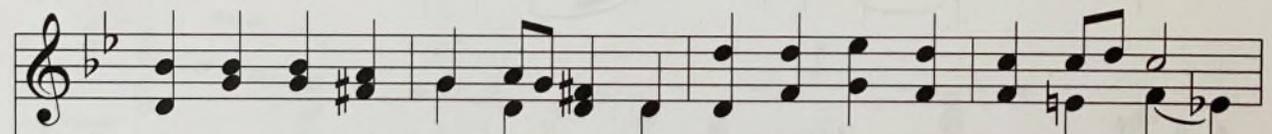
# 453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,  
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3. Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4. So God grant us for to - mor - row ways to or - der hu-man life



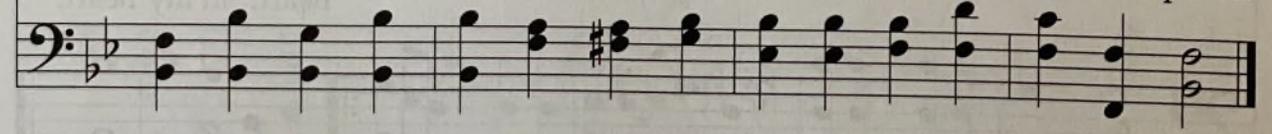
we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth - er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



## \*COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, piano

### PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JULY 17, 2022

**Prayers:** 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; **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.

**Exciting News from Pastoral Search Committee** - The Pastoral Search Committee is very excited to announce that they have selected their finalist in their search for our new Pastor. The Committee would like to present the candidate to the church for consideration on the weekend of July 30<sup>th</sup>.

The festivities will begin on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the church with a Kansas City Barbecue dinner at 6:00 PM.

All are welcome to attend. Come and meet the candidate! Please sign up in the Narthex to let us know that you are attending or call/text Sonja Payne at 847-997-1479 if you are unable to sign up in the Narthex.

On Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> the candidate will lead the service. After the service, during the Congregational meeting, there will be a vote on accepting the candidate as our new pastor. It is very important that we have a good attendance on Sunday, the 31<sup>st</sup> and a quorum for the vote. The Search Committee has worked very hard to bring the most qualified candidate to Bethel. We are very confident that the Pastor will be well received. It has been our pleasure to work on this search and we are very excited for the future of Bethel!

**Special Request** - Friday, 7/15/22 Caleb Shonkwiler (Jamie Elder's grandson) received a kidney from his donor Erica. Jamie's daughter, Erin and Caleb's dad, John need your prayers as well as all who are involved. Caleb loves to receive mail. Cards would be so appreciated.

Thank you, Jamie Elder

Caleb Shonkwiler  
11218 NE 113<sup>th</sup> Terr.  
Liberty, MO 64068

**July Benevolence:** Northland Assistance Center and Hunger Action

#### 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 30—Meet the Pastoral Candidate KC Barbeque dinner 6 pm at the church. Sign up in the Narthex.
- July 31—Trial sermon with Pastoral Candidate followed by the Second Quarter Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.
- August 12—Bethel's Got Talent Show 6 PM Sign up your talent in the Narthex

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