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Bethel United Church of Christ Bulletin

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

"My family is my strength and my weakness."

Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"I Am Yours"

Bethel Praise Team

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to hear what the Holy One will speak.

God will speak peace to the faithful, those who turn to love in their hearts.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Loving God, giver of good gifts, we give you thanks for feeding us with your word, and for filling us with your Spirit. Use us to bring your gifts to a hungry world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN#23

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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 "*Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring*" by Johann Sebastian Bach Rev. Dr. Judy and Bob Scott

OUR SACRED TEXT

Hosea 1:2-10

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel." She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God." Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

Psalm 85

LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Selah

You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us.

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Colossians 2:6-19

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

MESSAGE

Rev. Mary Nelson

***HYMN#97**

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,

O thou of God to earth come down; thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry hosts: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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

Chad Willis, piano

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

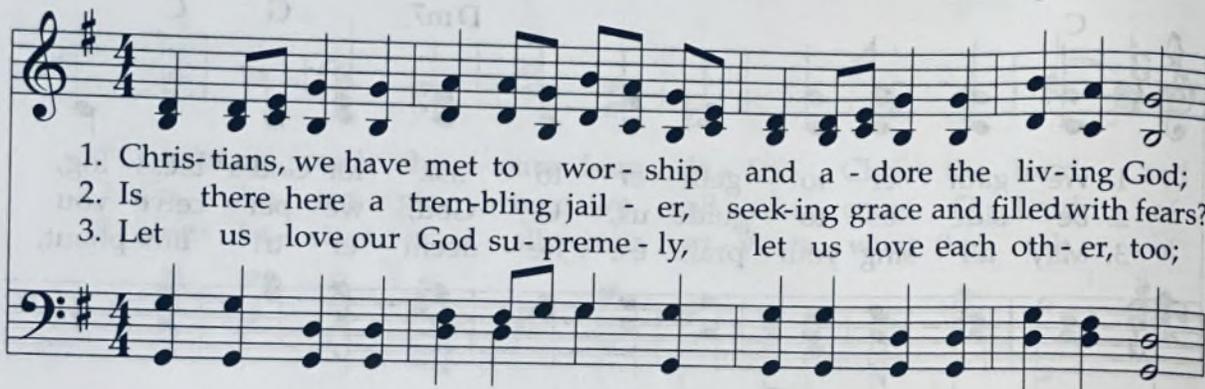
Praise God above the heavenly host.

Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

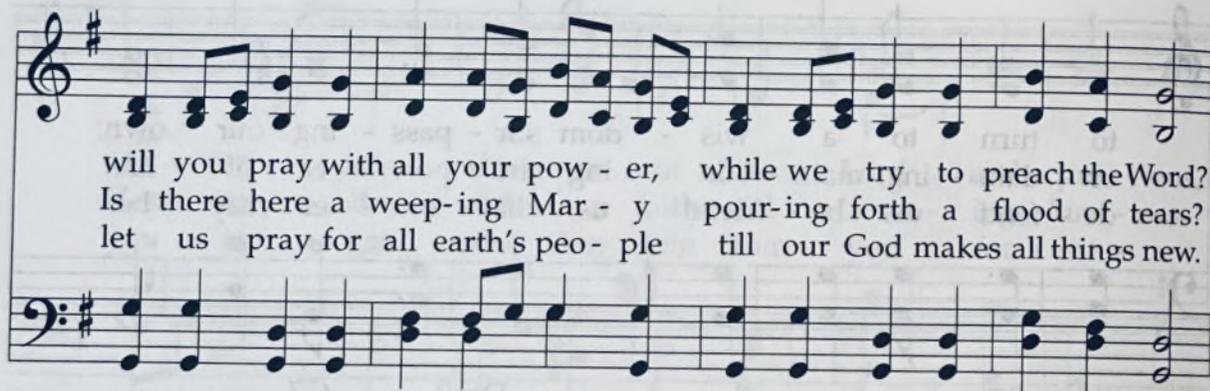
*CLOSING HYMN#277

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

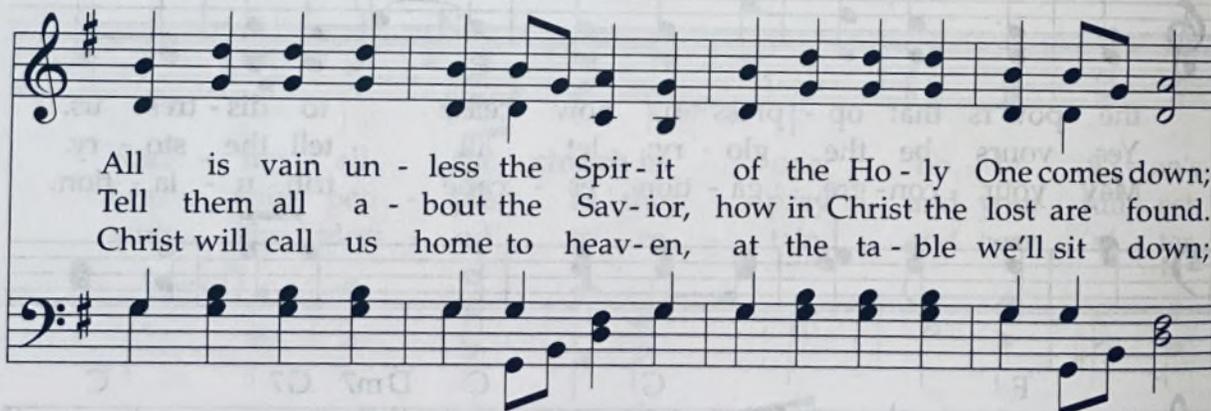
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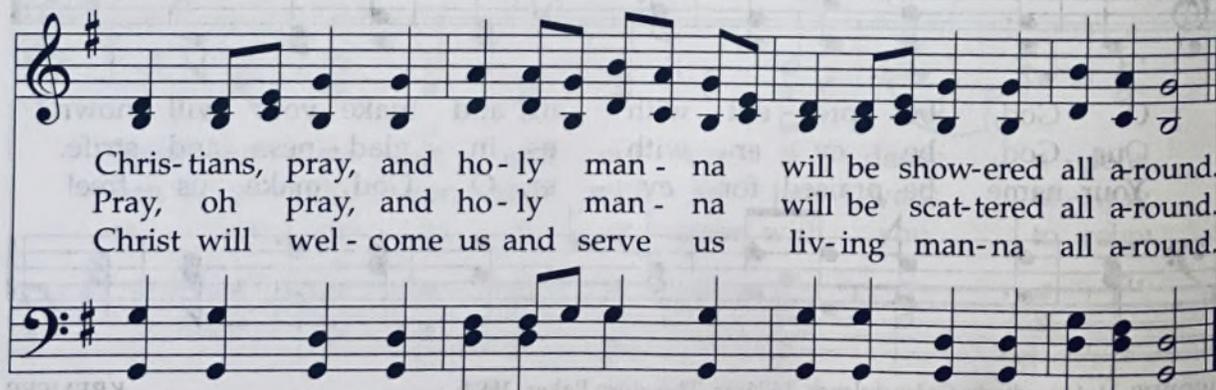
1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the liv-ing God;
 2. Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 3. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each oth-er, too;



will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try to preach the Word?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;
 Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.
 Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;



Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

*COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, piano

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JULY 24, 2022

Prayers: 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.

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 30th.

The festivities will begin on Saturday, July 30th 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 31st 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 31st 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. Note: Caleb is finally home from the hospital.

Caleb Shonkwiler
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Thank you, Jamie Elder

July Benevolence: Northland Assistance Center and Hunger Action

Save the Dates:

- July 30—Meet the Pastoral Candidate KC Barbeque dinner 6 pm at the church. Sign up in the Narthex. Desserts are needed for the dinner. If you can bring a dessert 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 7 PM Sign up your talent in the Narthex

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