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Bethel United Church of Christ Bulletin

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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*"Miracles seem to happen in situations of scarcity rather than plenty.
Why? Because where there is plenty there is no need of miracles!"*

Donagh O'Shea

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING MUSIC

"He is Exalted"

Bethel Praise Team

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Bob Barrall

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Loving God, we thank you for the endless love you show your children, for your wonderful works to humankind. May we, your children, extol you in the congregation, and to all throughout your world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN#27

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Thou Almighty King

Descant

4. To thee, One in Three, e - ter - nal

1. Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2. Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy
3. Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

prais - es be, hence ev - er - more! Thy

name to sing; help us to praise: one God, all
might - y sword; our prayer at - tend: come, and thy
wit - ness bear in this glad hour! Thou who al -
prais - es be hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

come, and reign o - ver us, an - cient of days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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.

OUR SACRED TEXT

Bob Barrall

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Colossians 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am Lord"

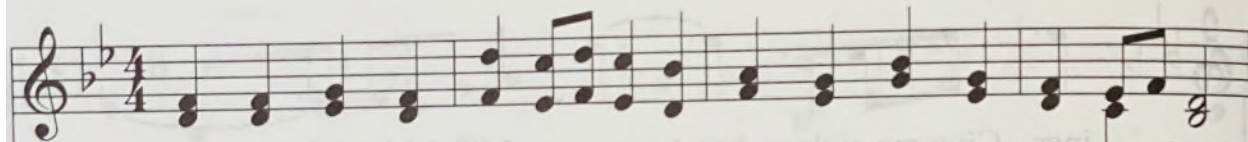
MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Callender

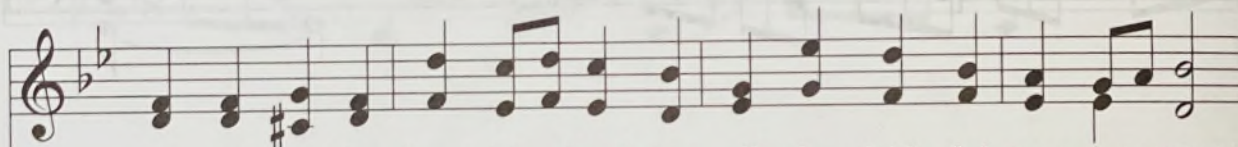
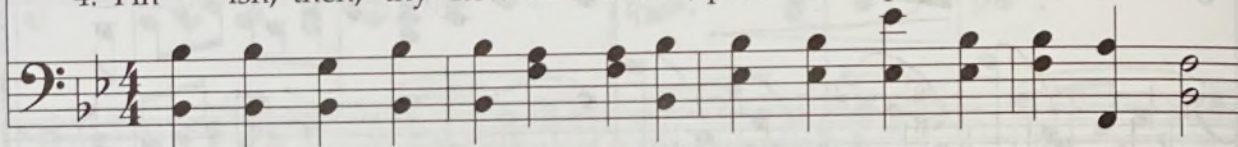
*HYMN#517

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

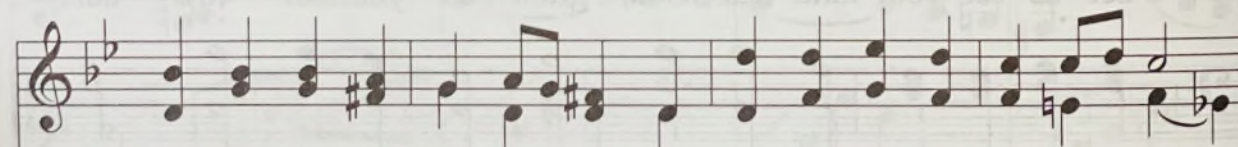
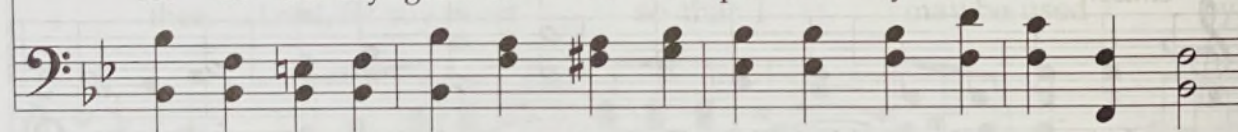
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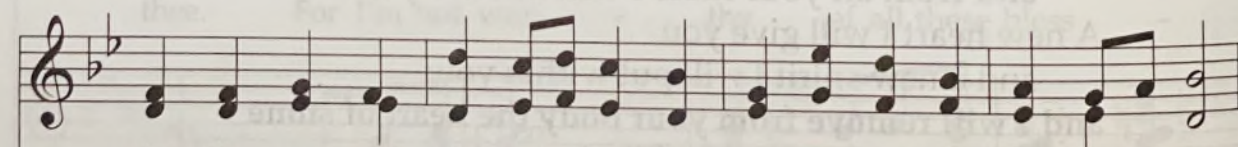
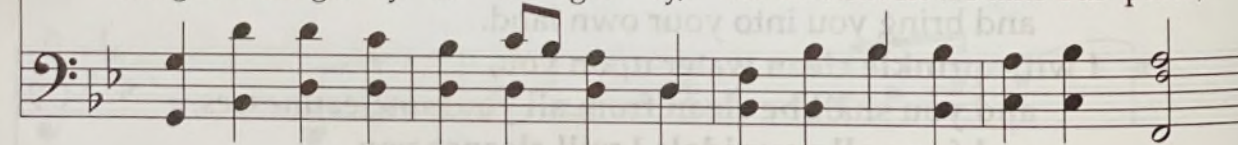
1. Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
3. Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all thy life re-ceive;
4. Fin-ish, then, thy new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less let us be,



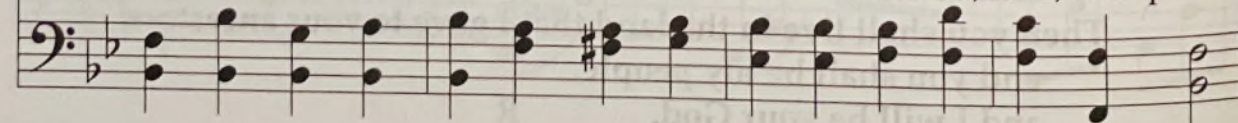
fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 let us all in thee in-her-it, let us find thy prom-ised rest;
 sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, nev-er-more thy tem-ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in thee;



Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion, pure, un-bound-ed love thou art;
 take a-way our love of sin-ning; al-pha and o-me-ga be;
 Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a-bove,
 changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis-it us with thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 pray, and praise thee with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise.



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 (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). 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

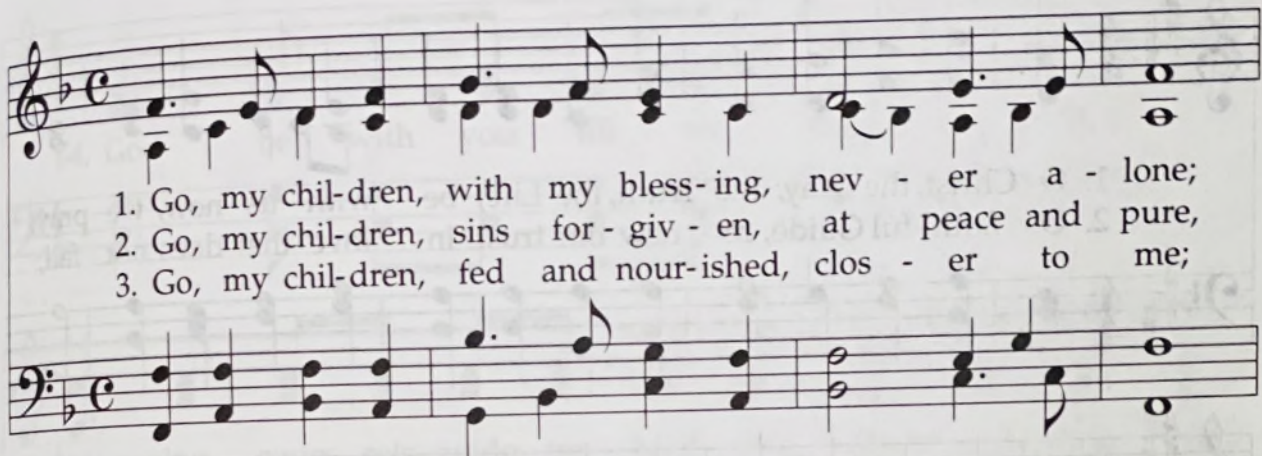
Chad Willis, piano

*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.*

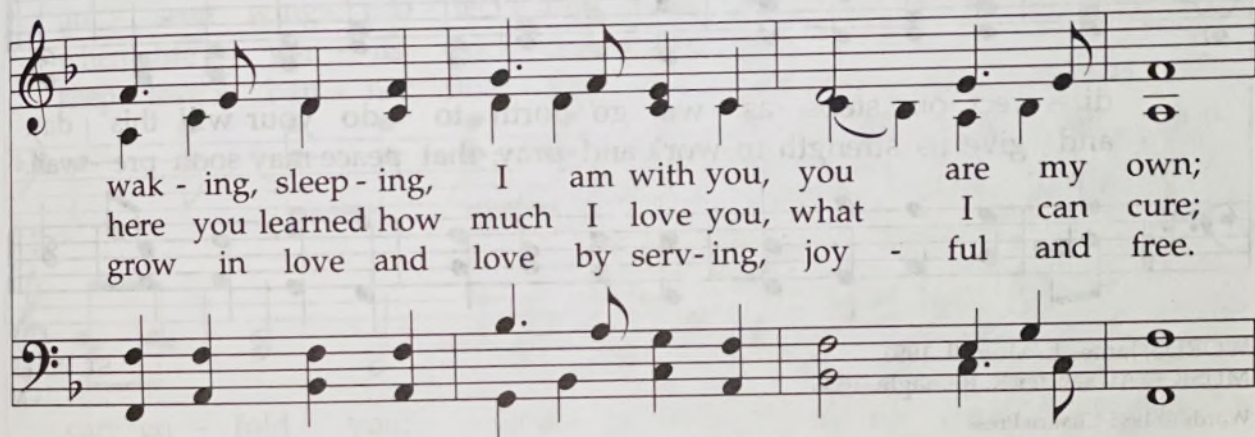
***CLOSING HYMN#431**

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

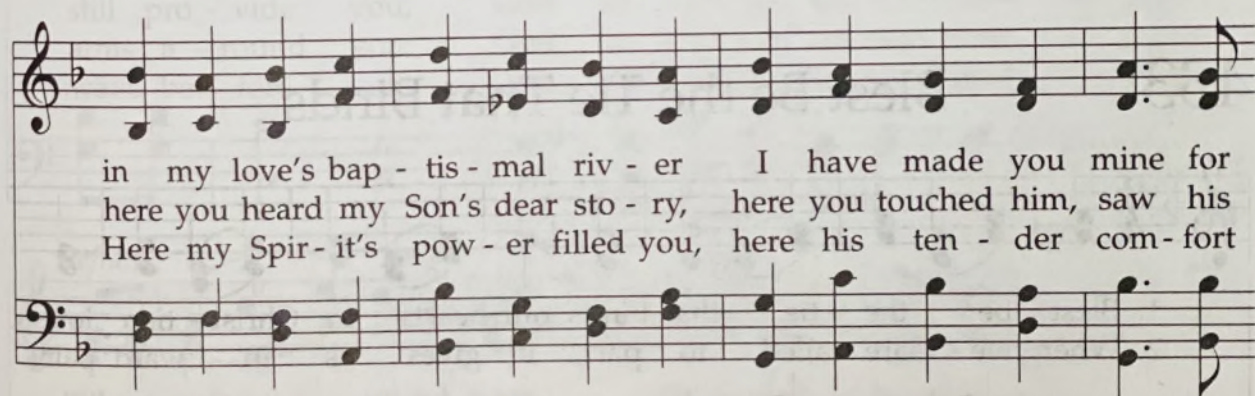
Go, My Children, with My Blessing 431



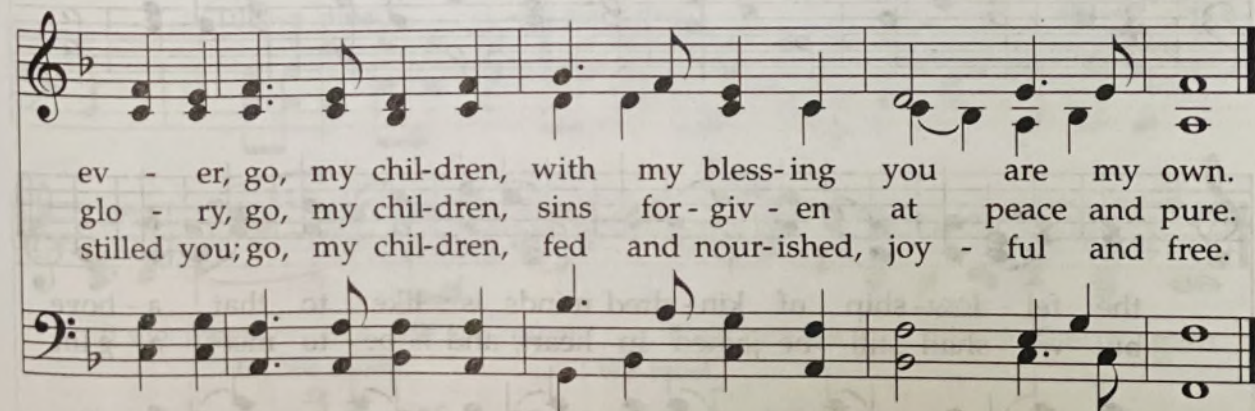
1. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure,
3. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;



wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own;
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



in my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for
here you heard my Son's dear sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort



ev - er, go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing you are my own.
glo - ry, go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en at peace and pure.
stilled you; go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.

*COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Chad Willis, piano

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JULY 31, 2022

Prayers: 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.

Today – We welcome Rev. Laura Callender as she is the pastoral candidate selected by the Search Committee to accept a call to Bethel. Immediately following the service, the congregation will vote on extend the call to Rev. Callender to serve as Bethel's pastor. Following the vote the quarterly congregational meeting will be held.

Special Request - Friday, 7/15/22 Caleb Shonkwiler (Jamie Elder's grandson) received a kidney from his donor Erica. Caleb is doing well at home and would appreciate your continued prayers as he heals. Cards would be so appreciated.

Thank you, Jamie Elder

Caleb Shonkwiler
11218 NE 113th Terr.
Liberty, MO 64068

July Benevolence - Northland Assistance Center and Hunger Action

August Benevolence – Festival of Sharing

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.

August Birthdays

8/3 James Marshall
8/5 Preston Corn
8/7 Dave Schindler
8/9 Susan Schindler
8/15 Mary Fleener

8/15 Jennie Watkins
8/16 Declan Terrill
8/16 Clark Thorson
8/17 Marilyn Donahoe
8/22 Art Todtenhausen

8/23 Liz Guevel
8/24 Ted Basch
8/24 Fulvio Hayes
8/31 Dale Rickert