



**Bethel United Church of Christ**  
**Trinity Sunday - First Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 12, 2022**

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*On this blessed occasion of Trinity Sunday, let us remember the teachings of our Lord and always remember to abide by them. Let us always be guided by the Holy Spirit and promise to live a life full of virtue.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC**

Bethel Praise Team

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

O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Your voice causes the sea to roar and the wind to howl.**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**The moon and the stars sing your praises.**

What are human beings that you are mindful of us?

Who are we that you care for us?

**Yet you have made us a little lower than God.**

You have crowned us with glory and honor.

**O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

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

**Amazing and Awesome God, we stand here today proclaiming your splendor and glory. We stand in your presence in awe and humility. We stand in your presence with boldness and courage. We look and listen for your presence here with us today. Open our lives to your mystery, power and glory. Open our lives to you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN#4**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

# 4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4. Ho - ly, God Al - might - y!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee;  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Thy works praise thee in earth and sky and sea;

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see;  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

God most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God, all ho - ly, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 God ev - er - liv - ing, through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### OUR SACRED TEXT

#### Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

#### John 16:12-15

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

#### MESSAGE

*“How to Accept a Challenge”*

Rev. Dr. Steve McDuff

#### \*HYMN#62

*“Creator God, Creating Still”*

The image shows a page from a hymn book. At the top, the title "Creator God, Creating Still" is written in a large, serif font, with the number "62" in the top right corner. Below the title, there are four lines of lyrics, each with a corresponding musical staff. The first line of lyrics is "1. Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,". The second line is "2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, with o - ver - flow - ing grace,". The third line is "3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,". The fourth line is "4. Great Trin - i - ty, for this new day we need your pres - ence still,". Below these four lines, there are two more lines of lyrics: "cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need," and "pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place." followed by "em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray." and "Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will." The musical notation consists of treble and bass clefs, a 4/4 time signature, and various notes and rests.

**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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your spir-it". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "in this place; Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,". The third system also has a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. grace!". Above the final measure of the vocal line, there are two markings: "1 (optional)" and "Final". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

**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.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN#450**

*"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"*

# 450 God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and  
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - ereign, shep - herd, word made flesh, love  
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all  
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed

hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of  
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fering ser - vant, friend of  
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing  
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er

bles - ing, power of love: give to those who lead your  
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all  
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and  
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied

peo - ple, fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as  
 pas - tors\* learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age  
 weak - ness, so may those the church ex - alts; o - ver - see its  
 call - ings your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

\*When appropriate, ministers, leaders, elders, etc.

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
 and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
 life stead - fast - ly yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
 tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

\*COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JUNE 12, 2022

**Prayers:** Caleb Shonkwiler, **Jamie Elder's** grandson; **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.

### **June Benevolences:**

**Kansas City Steppingstone** is a transitional living program that helps young people ages 16-21 transition safely and successfully into independence. The program is based on positive youth development strategies and provides housing, employment services, education counseling, life skills training, and permanency planning.

**Synergy Services** fully integrated programs include crisis hotlines, emergency shelter, transitional housing, therapeutic services, advocacy, mentoring and violence prevention programs throughout Greater Kansas City. Synergy's clients represent a broad cross-section of the population spanning gender, age, race and six county lines in Kansas and Missouri. Most often, clients have annual family incomes of less than \$25,000, making it difficult to access the variety of services they need through traditional means. They provide these services, which are so critical to the well-being of the family and community, to anyone that needs them regardless of ability to pay.

**Church World Service Blanket Sunday – June 19** - On Father's Day we will be collecting donations for blankets for CWS. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

**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 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.

**Teddy Bears** – The Teddy Bears and other stuffed animals were delivered to Children's Mercy Hospital. Bethel donated 449 animals for a value of \$2,245.