



**Bethel United Church of Christ
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*"Before I can tell my life what I want to do with it,
I must listen to my life telling me who I am."*

Parker J. Palmer, [Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation](#)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Bethel Recorders

(also known by its first line, ***"Lord, the Light of Your Love"***)
is a Christian praise song written in 1987 by Graham Kendrick.

Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us

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

We hunger for the holy, longing for the living God.

We gather as children of God, rejoicing in the promise.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (unison)

Come, O God, be with us here. As a deer longs for streams of cool water, we long to know that you are with us. Help us remember that you are always with us, and that your love is steadfast. Put your song into our hearts, that we may praise you this day. Amen.

***OPENING 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.

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

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before

the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Spring Caprice” Marge Hall

Bethel Recorders

Spring Caprice was written specifically for the Spring 2021 edition of the Recorder Magazine.

“Spring Caprice was written in the short, dark, damp days of late November 2020,” says Marge Hall. “Spring felt far distant, daffodils a faint dream, and Covid dominated life. So I escaped into the playful joy of juggling notes and rhythms, and trying to combine the musical ideas into a coherent whole. Hopefully I was successful!”

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

***HYMN#502**

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Come, You Disconsolate

502

1. Come, you dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er you lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel!
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish:
 Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heaven can re - move.

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 the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system ends with a repeat sign. The second system also ends with a repeat sign. The third system has two endings: "1 (optional)" and "Final". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation

Offertory "Dumbarton's Drums" from *A Collection of Old Scots Tunes* (1772) Bethel Recorders

Francesco Barsanti (1670-1772) Arr. Jennifer Carpenter

Francesco Barsanti was an Italian flautist, oboist, and composer. He was born in 1690 in the Tuscan city of Lucca, but spent most of his life in London and Edinburgh.

*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#537

"My Hope is Built"

My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his right - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Washington Post March" – John Phillip Sousa Arr. Keiji Sone Bethel Recorders

In 1889, the recent purchasers of *The Washington Post* newspaper—Frank Hatton, a former Postmaster General, and Beriah Wilkins, a former Democratic congressman from Ohio—requested that Sousa, the leader of the United States Marine Band, compose a march for the newspaper's essay contest awards ceremony, in conjunction with a campaign to promote the newspaper under new ownership. Sousa obliged and the "The Washington Post March" was introduced at a ceremony on June 15, 1889 with President Benjamin Harrison in attendance. It quickly became popular in both the United States and Europe as the standard musical accompaniment to the two-step, a late 19th-century dance craze. Sousa is honored in *The Washington Post* building for his contribution to the newspaper and his country.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JUNE 19, 2022

Prayers: Janet Craig. Sew & Serve volunteer; 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 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.

Northland Assistance Center School Supplies for Backpacks – In July we will be collecting donations for school supplies for Northland Assistance Center Backpacks. The list of supplies requested is on the poster in the narthex. Additional information will be in Monday's newsletter. All money and supplies need to be in by Sunday, July 24th.