



**Bethel United Church of Christ  
Third Sunday After Pentecost  
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*"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."*

Ludwig van Beethoven

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC**                    *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

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

Lead us, Holy Spirit.

**Guide us in the power of your ways that we may grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

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

**Loving God, Spirit of wisdom and truth, speak to us as we worship this day. Bind us together into a community of love and peace, we pray. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN#22**                    *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

# All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
2. O rush-ing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n a-  
3. O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your God to  
4. And all for-giv-en ten-der hearts, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your

*Harmony*

*Unison*

sing; Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en  
long, O praise God, Al-le - lu - ia! O ris-ing morn, in praise re-  
hear, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! O blaz-ing fire who lights the  
part, sing prais-es, Al-le - lu - ia! You who long pain and sor-row

*Refrain (Harmony)*

beam, O sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,  
joice, you lights of eve-ning find a voice, O praise God,  
night, pro-vid-ing warmth, en-hanc-ing sight,  
bear, praise God, who knows your ev-'ry care.

*Unison*

O praise God, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia!

## 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

### 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

### Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"God's Coloring Book"* by Dolly Parton

Bethel UCCuleles

"'God's Coloring Book' expresses my spirituality and explains my connection with God," Dolly explained in her 2020 book, *Songteller*. "When I see nature's colors, that's when I am closest to Him. I think that I am at my best when I write songs that are connected to God, as I see Him."

## MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Judy Scott

## \*HYMN#561

*"It is Well with My Soul"*

# It Is Well with My Soul

561

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,  
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,  
 3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!  
 4. May God haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my  
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -  
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the  
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -

lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is  
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own  
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the  
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

*Refrain*

well with my soul.  
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,  
 Lord, O my soul!  
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,

it is well, it is well with my soul.

**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 a hymn. 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

*"Garden Song"* by Dave Mallett (1975)

Bethel UC Celeles

*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#545**

*"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"*

# 545 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O  
 2. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor  
 3. And when my task on earth is done, when,

words with heaven-ly com- fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -  
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; by wa - ters still, o'er  
 by thy grace, the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis thy hand that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God thro' Jor - dan lead - eth me.

## Refrain

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me:

his faith-ful fol-lower I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATE – JUNE 26, 2022

**Prayers:** Janet Craig. Sew & Serve volunteer; Caleb Shonkwiler, **Jamie Elder's** grandson; **Lauri 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; **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](https://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: pencils, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, pocket folders, Scotch tape, crayons, wider & college ruled papers, pencil holder, red, black & blue pens, erasable markers, T1 calculator, sticky notes, colored pencils, tabbed dividers, 3 ringed binder, highlighters and box of tissues. All money and supplies need to be in by Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>