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Bethel United Church
of Christ

50th Anniversary
Celebration Performance

August 7, 2010

CELEBRATE LIFE!

By Buryl Red and Lyrics by Ragan Courtney

As you prepare your hearts to “Celebrate Life” with the choir, we invited you to reflect on the life of Christ and the many gifts that have been given to you over the years. Bethel’s choir has prepared this presentation of “Celebrate Life” with hearts full of thanks for the many gifts we have been given over the years in our music program here at Bethel. We are grateful for the opportunity to present this inspiring work by Buryl Red & Ragan Courtney – our gift to you on the 50th anniversary of this community of faith.

Prelude

Liz Guevel

Prepare A Way for the Lord

Prepare a way for the Lord! Clear a straight path for Him. Prepare His way! Prepare a way, a way for the Lord! For He cometh! He cometh, prepare His way!

The Truth Shall Make You Free

He’s the wind I soar on. He’s the grass I run through. He’s the one I turn to when I have to laugh or cry. He’s the light of my world. He’s my priceless pearl. He’s my answer to why He’s my friend even after I die. He’s the sun I sing in. He’s the sea I swim in. He’s the mountain I climb to when I want to reach a new high. Jesus, my Lord. Of all the things he said to me, the best was truth shall make you free. You shall know the truth. And the truth shall make you free. You shall know the truth. And love is the proof that the truth shall make you free.

Hail, O Blessed One

Stan Niederhauser

Hail, O blessed one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women. For you have found favor with God. And you shall bring forth a son. And you shall call him Jesus. Forever, Jesus. And of his Kingdom there shall be no end. Hail, O blessed one. The Lord is with you.

Song of Mary

Jessica Faust

Sing, my soul. The greatness of the Lord, Rejoice, my spirit. Rejoice in God my Savior. So tenderly has he regarded me. So wonderously has he exalted me. All generations shall call me blest. His name, his name is holy. He is the mighty one. His mercy is ever sure. Sing my soul. The greatness of the Lord.

There is a Great Joy Coming

Don Eversmeyer

Be not afraid. I have good news for you. There is a great joy a-coming. There is a great joy a-coming to the whole people, my Lord. Glory, Glory, Glory! Glory be to God in the highest. Peace, good will towards to men. Today in the city of David, a Savior is born. Glory, Glory, Glory! Glory be to God in the highest. Peace, good will towards men, He shall be called mighty Jesus. He shall be called mighty Jesus, the King of Kings. And Lord of lords. Glory, Glory, Glory! Glory be to God in the highest. Peace, good will towards men. And on earth Peace, good will towards men.

Hello, Baby

Hello, Baby. Little laughing child. Hello, Jesus. We've been waiting all the while for you to come our way. Hello, Baby. Look at your mother smile. Hello Jesus. We've been hoping all the while you would come today. Millions of angels in the skies shine like the truth that's in your eyes. Oh, filled with promises of peace and love. Promises of peace and love. An olive branch and a little dove. A laugh, a tear, a star above. Baby Jesus, we love you so. Hello, Baby. Little laughing child. Hello, Jesus. We've been waiting all the while for you to come our way. Hello, Baby. Hello, Jesus.

The Three Kings

We are three kings! We are loaded with shiny things. We rode on three camels that aren't very pretty. We feel kind of tired and just a bit gritty. We are three kings! Three gritty kings. Three witty, gritty kings. We are three kings! Also called Wise Men. There is no place we haven't been. We've played all the cities and towns in the world. Our heads are anointed, our beards are curled. We are three kings. Three oily kings, Three curly kings. Three oily, curly kings. We are three kings. I have gold! I have frankincense. I have myrrh. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. These are what we bring to the baby King. Gold and myrrh and frankincense. To show our love which is intense. Myrrh and frankincense and gold. For the king who was fore-told. Gold and frankincense and myrrh. Mighty fine gifts! Yes, sir! We three kings of Orient are bearing gifts we travel afar. We are three kings, three witty kings, three gritty kings. We are three witty, gritty, oily, curly kings, yes sir!

After This He Went Journeying

After this he went journeying from town to town and village to village. Proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

I Quietly Turned to You

Randa Niederhauser

There was nowhere else to turn. And nowhere else to go. My body knew all the pain a body can know. When I quietly turned to you. I quietly turned to you. Help of the helpless, I turned to you. When no one else could help. And no one else could hear my cries full of anguish, my cries full of fear, Then quietly turned to you. Hope of the hopeless, I turned to you. I saw you standing there. I saw the beauty from you beaming. I saw the peace, the joy, the perfect love that could be. I saw you standing there. I thought that I was surely dreaming. For suddenly warmth and love and joy were shining through me. As you quietly turned to me. You quietly turned to me. Friend of the friendless. You turned to me. Now I know such perfect peace. I feel such sweet release. Your love let me live again. Your love set me free. Help of the helpless, friend of the friendless, I quietly turned to you, and you turned to me.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Congregation joins the Choir

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in. Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember, too. That this is my body and precious blood shed for you. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above. But in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

Carry Him Gently

Susan Schindler

Carry him gently, my baby. Carry him gently, my child. Carry him far from suff'ring. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile. I gave him love as a baby. I share his joy as a child. He died alone, forsaken. Let him rest, let him rest for awhile, Oh, Jesus, your life is unending. Oh, Jesus, my Lord. Even

death can't take you away. Oh, Jesus, our faith is unbending. Oh, Jesus my Lord; for you are the truth and way. Carry him quickly, my baby. Carry him quickly, my son. Carry him far from suff'ring. His work is done.

He is Alive

He is alive! He is alive! He is alive and he's shown me the way. He gives me joy to begin ev'ry day. He is alive and he's opened the door. He gives me hope to live life evermore. He is alive and so I celebrate. This is the story that I must relate. He is alive and I love him. I am alive and he loves me. He is alive! He is alive! Hallelujah! Halle, Hallelujah. He is alive and I love him. I am alive and he loves me.

Easter Hymn

Congregation Stands and Sings

Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened paradise. Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia! Following our exalted head. Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise. Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Christ Offers Life

Rev. Karen Aitkens

Prayer for Peace

Make me an instrument of thy peace, Lord, of thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; doubt, faith; despair, hope; darkness, light; sadness, joy. Pardon, faith; hope, light and joy, love. Make me an instrument of thy peace. Lord, of thy peace. Lord, of thy peace. Of thy peace.

Postlude

Liz Guevel

Tonight's freewill offering will go to the support of Bethel's 50th Anniversary Celebration .

The Singers

Sopranos

Anne Eversmeyer
Jessica Faust
Toni Faust
Marilyn Helmich
Cindy Maxwell
Carolyn McNeal
Randa Niederhauser
Marquita Pace
Susan Schindler
Donna Yeager

Altos

Lauri Buck
Kathy Hayes
Beverly Heath
Vi Highbarger
Linda Horton
Evy Kluender
Marie Penrod
Mary Ann Pierson
Wanda Staude
Melinda Teague

Tenors

Don Eversmeyer
Brandon Meyer
Stan Niederhasuer
Jennis Staude

Basses

Mike Mendon
Randy Pace
Mike Pierson
Sklyer Schlick

The Narrators

Matthew	Gary Pierson
Mark	Tim Coulter
Luke	Fulvio Hayes
John	Eddie Villanueva

The Musicians

Organ	Liz Guevel
Piano	Chad Willis
Flute	Lindsey Crane
Trumpet	Andrea Berka
Trombone	Drew Buck
Guitar	Adam Niederhauser
Bass Guitar	Kyle Crane
Drums	Curt Lane

The Director

Director	Jeremy Faust
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