



Bethel United Church of Christ

April 7, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent – Confirmation Presentation

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte
Setting by John Carter

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[‡]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 95

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

* HYMN

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world you stepped down into darkness.

Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You.

Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,

Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,

Altogether wonderful to me!

King of all days oh so highly exalted,

Glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created,

All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus (sung twice)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 25:31–33, 41–46

Pew Bible, page 807

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

CALL TO CONFESSION *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* (vs. 1-4) Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son, to make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there, until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, **you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

How Deep the Father's Love for Us (vs. 5-6)

Stuart Townend

**I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.**

**Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom!**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:31–40

Pew Bible, page 807

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high!

SERMON

LEFTY LOOSY – RIGHTY TIGHTY

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole

Mark Friedman

Arr. by J. Vogt

* Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich”

because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

* Prayer of Dedication

WORDS OF WITNESS – THE 2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS

WORDS OF WITNESS – THE BETHEL CONGREGATION ¹

God to me is the creator and sustainer of all. God is both Love and Good. God forgives my sins and my wrong doings. In Jesus, God became one of us. By the Holy Spirit, God lives inside me. No matter where I go or what I do, the Holy Spirit is always with me, helping me to make good decisions and guiding me through life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN

Thrive

Mark Hall and Matthew West

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died.
Like a tree planted by the water we never will run dry.
So living water flowing through, God we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:

Chorus

**Just to know You and to make You known we lift Your name on high,
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive, we were made to thrive!**

Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are.
So living water flowing through, God we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire:

Chorus

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible ...

Chorus

¹ Compiled from the heartfelt thoughts just shared by our 2019 confirmands

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

To Celebrate the Day

Franklin Ritter

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Derald and Amanda Bauer

Ushers: Lori Tursak, Jeff Elliott, Debbie Hibbard, John Heuser, and
Joe Roberts

Acolyte: Peyton Klein

Lay Reader: Diane Kring

Anthem: Praise Choir; Judy Fiegel, Piano; Julie Roberts, Guitar
Percussion, Amanda Eisenmann & Angie Fiegel

Offertory: Judy Fiegel, Piano

Child Care: Michelle Jedele and Sydney Jedele

Altar Flowers: In honor of Michelle Roberts' 22nd and Mackenzie Roberts' 1st
birthdays. Given by the Horodeczny and Roberts families.

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are available to purchase for the Easter Worship services.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary until
April 14th. The cost is \$16 each and you can pick your lily
up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter morning.

Please make checks payable to the Flower Garden.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
March 17	Derald Bauer	
	Terry Beitelshoes	Diane Seeger
	Dale Hartzog.....	
	Gail Holder.....	Jean Holder
	Mark MacPherson	Carol Colby
	Mac & Sharon McMurray	Emily St. Charles
	Betty Schneider	Maribel Peck
	Family of Joe Turk	Larry Aiken & Mike Meranuck
	Remembering Grandma Linda.....	Karsyn Klein
March 24	Family of Tom Gielen	Carol Colby
	Family of Fay Greer	Carol Colby
	Bea Haeussler.....	Lynn Strobbe
	Family of Richard Huston	
	Carl Kemner	Earl and Doris Roehm
	Family of Monty Love.....	Angie Diuble
	Michelle Roberts and her mission team.....	Mary Sue Moore
	Betty Suhre	Pastor Bucholtz
	Gary Weidmayer.....	Scott Diuble
March 31	Karen Bellm	Renee St. Charles
	Larry Desbrough	Lorraine Desbrough
	Greg Hiner	Betty Jean Harper
	Yonnie Maziarz.....	Emily St. Charles
	Beverly Nelson.....	Beverly Nelson
	David Nelson.....	Jacob Mann
April 7	Joseph Glasser	Marleen Glasser
	Family of Scott Maxwell.....	Cathy Moore
	Family of Irene Roehm Vogt	Earl and Doris Roehm
<u>Those Serving Our Country</u>		
Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals	Jody Munson
Feb. 24, 2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Betty Jean Harper

