



Bethel
United Church
of Christ

May 12, 2019

Act of Baptism
Baptismal Hymn

By Water and Spirit

AWAY IN THE MANGER
Words by D. Bucholtz

**By water and Spirit God's presence made known;
In sacrament holy we're wrapped in God's love.
The blessing of Jesus surrounds us this day;
Reminding us always of God's faithful ways.**

**From heaven above us, on earth made his home;
God's very own Spirit in our flesh and bone;
So bless this dear child today in this place;
May baptism's power his whole life be traced!**

Congregational Response

**With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome this child into our care. We
promise to love, encourage, and support him as he grows in knowledge and
faith in Jesus Christ.**

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 536 *When We Are Living* (vs. 1) SOMOS DEL SENOR

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we are dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed, and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image – as we imagine it now in the silence of our hearts.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 536 *When We Are Living* (vs. 3) SOMOS DEL SENOR

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God, we belong to God!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9–17

Pew Bible, page 999

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before

the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

* 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

ROBED IN WHITE

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter/arr. J. Bucholtz

"Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, deep peace of Christ to you."

* 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

A LITANY FOR MOTHERS

Pastor: Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain.

We pray for older moms whose children are grown.

Men: Grant them joy and satisfaction for a job well done.

We pray for new moms experiencing changes they could not predict.

Women: Grant them rest and peace as they trust you for the future.

We pray for pregnant women who will soon be moms.

Men: Grant them patience and good counsel in the coming months.

We pray for moms who face the demands of single parenthood.

Women: Grant them strength and wisdom.

We pray for moms who enjoy financial abundance.

Men: Grant them time to share with their families.

We pray for moms who are raising their children in poverty.

Women: Grant them relief and justice.

We pray for step-moms.

Men: Grant them patience and understanding and love.

We pray for moms who are separated from their children.

Women: Grant them faith and hope.

We pray for moms in marriages that are in crisis.

Men: Grant them support and insight.

We pray for moms who have lost children.

Women: Grant them comfort in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We pray for mothers who aborted their children.

Men: Grant them healing and peace.

We pray for moms who gave up their children for adoption.

Women: Grant them peace and confidence as they trust in your providence.

We pray for adoptive mothers.

Men: Grant them joy and gratitude for the gift you have provided.

We pray for girls and women who think about being moms.

Women: Grant them wisdom and discernment.

We pray for women who desperately want, or wanted, to be moms.

Men: Grant them grace to accept your timing and will.

We pray for all women who have assumed the mother's role in a child's life.

Women: Grant them joy and the appreciation of others.

We pray for those among us who are grieving the loss of their mother in the past year.

Men: Grant them comfort and hope in Christ's resurrection.

Pastor: Lord, we thank you for the gift of motherhood. Bless all moms, past, present, and yet to be, on this day set aside in their honor. By the grace of Jesus Christ, in whose name we now pray:

All: 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 NO. 517 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (vs. 1, 2, and 4) BEECHER

* SENDING *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* J. Rankin and W. Tomor
arr. J. Bucholtz

“God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you;
With a shepherd’s care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.”

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *A Song of Rejoicing* John Rashley

* Indicates those who are able please stand

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Bold Indicates congregational response

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WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Gene and Sandy DeRossett

Ushers: David Seeger, Mike Meranuck, Diane Seeger, Tim Seeger, and
Jeff Shankland

Acolyte: Emma Shankland

Lay Reader: Jeff Elliott

Anthem: Children’s Choir, Soloist Linda Perkins; Directed by Jen
Bucholtz, Accompanied by Judy Fiegel

Child Care: Stacey Sheets and Collin Campbell

Altar Flowers: Given by Larry Helber in memory of the mom and aunts on
Mother’s Day



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>
April 28	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Debra Carr.....	Linda Wolff
	Gracyn Hehr.....	Cathy and Mary Sue Moore
	Family & Friends of Mark Jordan.....	Jill Corwin
	Family of Georg Menge.....	Julie Tobias
May 5	Family of Ann Bolen.....	Becky Mann
	Andy Campbell.....	Angie Diuble
	Ron Cummings.....	Vic Mann
	Doug Flint.....	Gary Weidmayer
	Family of Dick Gorlitz.....	Larry Egeler
	Joe Kerckhaert.....	Marleen Glasser
	Gail Mazzaro.....	Amy Riley
	Family of Stacey Simpson Duke's father....	Ava Goff
Dale Younglove.....	Nancy Loudin	
May 12	Nancy Bihlmeyer.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Family of Kathy Bower.....	Michelle Jedede
	Betty Bust.....	Shirley Haeussler
	Family and friends of Joe Eberle.....	Michelle Jedede & Carol Colby
	Doug Flint.....	Vic Mann
	Family and friends of Gary Freeman.....	Carol Colby
	Caleb Gordon.....	Renee St. Charles
	Gail Holder.....	Jean Holder
	Family of Eric Podzielinski.....	Mary Knapp
	Family of Dr. Denis Robison.....	Alison & Jim Robison
	Family of Betty Suhre.....	Jeffrey Suhre
Rita Townsend.....	Victoria St. Charles	

Those Serving Our Country

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

TODAY AT BETHEL

Mother's Day

Baptism of Ross Armin Finkbeiner, born November 13, 2018 to Michael and Laura Finkbeiner. Baptism sponsors are Jenny Weiss and Mike Cornell. Grandparents are Bruce & Shirley Haeussler and Max & Nancy Finkbeiner.

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School - dismissal time **12:15 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., May 13 **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal
 7:30-9:00 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Wed., May 15 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Thurs., May 16 **7:00-9:00 p.m.** Vitality Retreat
- Fri., May 17 **5:00 p.m.** Men & Boys Chorus rehearsal
- Sat., May 18 Youth Ministry attend Vision Walk
- 5:00 p.m.** Men & Boys Chorus rehearsal
- Sun., May 19 **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Children's Day
 10:30 a.m. All-Church Potluck
 Camp Talahi Annual 5k and Open House
- Mon., May 20 **6:30-7:30 p.m.** Men & Boys Chorus rehearsal
- Sun., May 26 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
- Mon., May 27 Memorial Day
- Tues., May 28 **7:15 p.m.** Youth Task Force meeting

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Tues., May 14 **6:00 p.m.** Friends In Deed Annual Dinner and Silent Auction at Weber's Inn, Ann Arbor
- Sat., May 18 **9:00a-12:00p** Scrap Metal Drive at Sharon United Methodist Church (See flyer for details)
- Fri., May 24 **8:00a-6:00p** Rummage Sale, Bake Sale & Luncheon at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter. (See flyer for donation details)
- Sat., May 25 **9:00a-1:00p** Rummage Sale, Bake Sale & Luncheon at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter. (See flyer for donation details)

Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Exception: Friday, May 31

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