



# **Bethel United Church of Christ**

**May 26, 2019**

# The People of God Gather for Worship

## Sixth Sunday of Easter – Memorial Day

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

PRELUDE

*Fanfare*

R. Mark Otterstad

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS<sup>†</sup>

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

\* HYMN NO. 4

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

TIME WITH CHILDREN and RECOGNITION OF MILITARY VETERANS

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22–27

Pew Bible, page 1008

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Take, O Take Me As I Am* (sung twice)

Text and Music by John Bell

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
5 set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the second line, starting with a measure rest marked '5'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION <sup>1</sup>

O God of earth and altar, bow down and hear our cry; our earthly leaders falter, our people drift and die; the walls of gold entomb us, the swords of scorn divide; take not your thunder from us, but take away our pride. Awaken us to action and forge us into one, defying sect and faction; O God, your will be done. Oppressive systems snare us; our apathies increase. Great God, in mercy spare us for justice and for peace!

## SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 722

*This Is My Song* (vs. 3)

FINLANDIA

**This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations – let thy reign come; on earth thy will be done. In peace may all earth’s people draw together, and hearts united learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations; myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1–5

Pew Bible, page 1008

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

## \* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

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<sup>1</sup> Gilbert K. Chesterton; Jane Parker Huber

\* 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 THE CITADEL

INVITATION TO SHARE †

\* Offertory *In Remembrance* Donald L. Moore

\* Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

PRAYER OF PETITION AND THANKSGIVING

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.**

ANTHEM *America the Beautiful* Words: K. L. Bates & K. Bible  
Music: S. A. Ward

\* HYMN NO. 721 *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* (vs. 1 and 4) AMERICA

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* G. Glaser/Arr. by S. Scott

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\* 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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## Notes

### **WORSHIP ATTENDANTS**

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Betty Jean Harper and Kendall Ann Brooks

Ushers: David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Bruce Lobbestael,  
Eli Lobbestael, and Ethan Lobbestael

Acolyte: Serenity Spinks

Lay Reader: Ron Mann

Anthem: Men and Boys Ensemble: "Community" Reading,  
Stephen Strobbe

Altar Flowers: Given by Betty Schneider in memory of Ty

Child Care: The room is available, but no Child Care volunteers are staffed during  
Summer months



## 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>
May 12	Nancy Bihlmeyer.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Family of Kathy Bower.....	Michelle Jedele
	Family and friends of Joe Eberle.....	Michelle Jedele & 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	
May 19	Christina Baribeault.....	Carol Colby
	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Ron Bush.....	Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger & Linda Wolff
	Valerie Falk.....	Nancy Loudin
	Mary Grab.....	Elizabeth Baron
	Family of Larry Mauer.....	Michelle Jedele
	Family of Donna Platt.....	Amy Riley
	Andre Justin Rogers.....	Sue (Guenther) Brus
	Shaun Sexton.....	Michelle Jedele
	Family of Rita Townsend.....	Victoria St. Charles
	Family of Leon Trinkle.....	
Nicole Tuttle.....	Michelle Jedele	
Sue Vogel Andrews.....	Susan Mann	
May 26	Family of Betty Bust.....	Shirley Haeussler
	Spencer Flannery.....	
	Dixie Kingsbury.....	
	Family of AJ Marry.....	Renee St. Charles
	Joel Miller.....	Eric Coval

### Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	GySgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 <sup>st</sup> 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

**9:30 a.m.** Worship

**10:45 a.m.** New Member Orientation

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., May 27 Memorial Day
- Tues., May 28 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters  
**9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting  
**5:00 p.m.** Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor  
**7:15 p.m.** Youth Task Force meeting
- Sun., June 2 **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Graduation Sunday  
**10:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour in honor of the graduates
- Mon., June 3 **6:30 p.m.** Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsal  
**7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Thurs., June 6 **7:30 p.m.** Manchester High School Baccalaureate at Manchester United Methodist Church
- Fri., June 7-9 UCC Women of Michigan "The Gathering 2019 - Strength of a Woman"
- Sun., June 9 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Reception of New Members  
**10:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour sponsored by the Evangelism Committee to welcome our new members
- Tues., June 11 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., June 12 **1:00 p.m.** Pie & Bingo Day at the Saline Evangelical Home
- Thurs., June 13 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Fri., June 14 Deadline to register for Camp Talahi
- Sat., June 15 Bethel Newsletter articles are due  
Re-Member Mission Trip through June 21st
- Sun., June 16 **10:30 a.m.** Ice Cream Social planning meeting

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- Fri., June 14 **7:00a-6:00p** Rummage Sale at Manchester United Methodist Church
- Sat., June 15 **9:00a-3:00p** Rummage Sale at Manchester United Methodist Church

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### Office Hours

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

Exception: Friday, May 31

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