



Bethel United Church of Christ

May 5, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship and Sacrament

Third Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE *This Joyful Eastertide* Based on a 17th cent. Dutch tune
Setting by Dale Wood

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[‡]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 116

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

* HYMN NO. 215 *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN

ANTHEM *When We Are Living* Traditional Spanish
Arr. by C. Moglebust

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON Luke 24:13–27 Pew Bible, page 860

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger

in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

CALL TO CONFESSION NO. 230 *Now the Green Blade Rises* (vs. 1-2) NOEL NOUVELET

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been.**

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

**In the grave they laid the love by hatred slain, thinking that Jesus would not
wake again; laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen.**

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our
lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the
commands of the One who walks beside us, our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 230 *Now the Green Blade Rises* (vs. 3-4) NOEL NOUVELET

**Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain, Jesus who for three days in the grave
had lain; raised from the dead, the risen Christ is seen.**

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Jesus' touch can call us back to life
again; fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.**

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 24:28–35

Pew Bible, page 861

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

* 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

BREAKING BREAD

INVITATION TO SHARE †

* Offertory

Beautiful Savior

Based on a Silesian folk tune

* 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!

* Dedication of offering and One Great Hour of Sharing

HYMN NO. 221

The Strife Is O'er (vs. 1 and 3)

VICTORY

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This morning we will receive the Lord's Supper in our pews. After being served, please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may consume the elements as individual members of Christ's church united as one body. Please note – the communion cup contains wine except for the inner ring of grape juice; the bread is gluten free.

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer

Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one Holy Universal, Christian Church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN NO. 222

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

W ZLOBIE LEZY

* BENEDICTION

* 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 ATTENDANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Elizabeth Baron, Lorelei, and Annelise

Ushers: Larry Aiken, Patsy Aiken, Scott Diuble, Shane Neigebauer, and Stacey Neigebauer

Acolyte: Paige Shankland

Lay Reader: Ryan Amrhein

Anthem: Handbell Choir, Directed by Julie Roberts

Child Care: Michelle Jedele and Sydney Jedele

Altar Flowers: Given by Rudy and Susan Layher



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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> |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| April 14 | Mike Brown | Nancy Loudin |
| | Russel Hieber | Scott Diuble |
| April 21 | Family of Andy Brook | |
| | Family of Bea Haeussler | Pastor Bucholtz |
| | Gail Holder | Jean Holder |
| | Dixie Kingsbury | |
| | Family & friends of Mark McCoy | Carol Colby |
| | David Mynning | Carol Colby |
| | Family of Marsella Norman | |
| | Aaron Roseum | Betty Jean Harper |
| April 28 | Alicia Haeussler Smith | |
| | Family & friends of George Vix | Carol Colby |
| | Karen Bellm | Renee St. Charles |
| | Debra Carr | Linda Wolff |
| | Gracyn Hehr | Cathy and Mary Sue Moore |
| | Family & Friends of Mark Jordan | Jill Corwin |
| May 5 | Family of Georg Menge | Julie Tobias |
| | Betty Suhre | Mary Beth Baker |
| | 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 |

Those Serving Our Country

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| 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 |

