



Bethel United Church of Christ

June 16, 2019

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The People of God Gather for Worship

First Sunday after Pentecost – Trinity Sunday – Father’s 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 *Fantasia on “Salvation”* Tune from Kentucky Harmony

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* HYMN NO. 537 *My Hope Is Built* MELITA

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Gift of Love* American Folk Tune
Arr. by Hal H. Hopson

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (Pg. 515, Pew Bible)

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of

long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

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. Summon out what I shall be.

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life. Though Jesus prayed that we would be one, we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you. We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions. We long for your Spirit to heal us and to correct us. Even now, dependent on your grace, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 527

More Love to Thee, O Christ (vs. 1 and 2)

MORE LOVE TO THEE

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-5

(Pg. 917, Pew Bible)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

* 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

BRAGGING RIGHTS

INVITATION TO SHARE[†]

* Offertory

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

W. Bradbury/Arr. by W. Held

* 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 FATHERS

Pastor: Blessed are you Lord our God, creator and redeemer of all. Through the love of earthly fathers, you give us a glimpse of your everlasting love.

Men: We give thanks for those fathers who strive to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Women: We pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become good fathers.

Men: We thank You for those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children.

Women: We also give thanks for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives and for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Men: We thank you for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earn their step-children's love and respect.

Women: We ask your special blessing on those fathers who have lost a child to death, and who continue to hold those children in their hearts.

Men: We also give thanks for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Women: We pray for those men who have fathered us in their role as mentors and guides.

Men: We ask your blessings on those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

Women: We continue to pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memories and whose love continues to nurture us.

Pastor: May the love of our earthly fathers draw us ever nearer to you and perfect in us the image of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we now pray:

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. 59

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Air

Henry Purcell/Arr. by J.D. Kimball

* 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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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 26 | Family of Betty Bust | Shirley Haeussler |
| | Spencer Flannery | |
| | Family of AJ Marry | Renee St. Charles |
| | Joel Miller | Eric Coval |
| June 2 | Family & Friends of Mark McPherson..... | Carol Colby |
| | Family of Kurt Sieler | The Diuble Families |
| | Jane Trowbridge | Carol Colby |
| June 9 | Karen Bellm | Renee St. Charles |
| | Gary (Chopper) Blossom..... | Shirley Haeussler & Nancy Loudin |
| | Carol Colby | Kim Colby |
| | Richard Cole | Nancy Loudin |
| | Tammy Haft..... | Diana Haft |
| | Jerry & Mary Hamm..... | Jody Munson |
| | Louise..... | Marleen Glasser |
| | The Park family | Diana Haft |
| | Mary Lou Rigg..... | Judy Mann |
| | Family of Dr. Denis Robison..... | Alison & Jim Robison |
| | Victims of Virginia Beach shooting | Pastor Bucholtz |
| June 16 | Family of Carolyn Goodemote | Renee St. Charles |
| | Gail Holder | Jean Holder |
| | Dixie Kingsbury | |
| | Lynda Timbs | Renee St. Charles |

Those Serving Our Country

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| Sept. 25, 2010 | GySgt. 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

9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social planning meeting
Camp Talahi CIT Camp (Grades 9-11) through June 21st

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., June 18 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
Wed., June 19 Pretzel Bake. Place your order with Joann 734-429-5793
Sat., June 22 **5:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry meet at Bethel for Escape Room at 6:00 p.m.
Sun., June 23 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
Camp Talahi Jr. High Camp (Grades 6-8) through June 28th
Tues., June 25 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
9:00 a.m. Archives Committee meeting
5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor
Wed., June 26 Pretzel Bake. Place your order with Joann 734-429-5793
Sun., June 30 **9:30 a.m.** Outdoor Worship
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by Women of Bethel
Thurs., July 4 Independence Day - Church office closed

IN THE COMMUNITY

June 17-20 **5:30-8:00 p.m.** Vacation Bible School at Emanuel UCC
Thurs., June 20 **5:00-7:30 p.m.** Ice Cream Social at St. Paul UCC, Saline
Wed., June 26 **5:00-7:30 p.m.** Ice Cream Social at Sharon United Methodist Church, Manchester

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Greeters: Ron and Judy Mann
Ushers: Diana Haft, Andrew Helber, Larry Helber, Beverly Nelson,
and Lou Ann Preston
Acolyte: Paige Shankland
Lay Reader: Susan Luckhardt
Special Music: Alison Robison, soloist; Susie Amrhein, flutist
Altar Flowers: Given by Joe and Mary Sue Moore in honor of their anniversary
Piano Flowers: Given by Elaine Creech in memory of Jack
Child Care: The room is available, but no child care volunteers are staffed during Summer months

