

**Bethel
United Church of
Christ**

June 2, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday – Graduation Sunday

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

PRELUDE *A Time for New Beginnings* Lani Smith

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[‡]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

* HYMN NO. 91 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' name!* (vs. 1, 2, and 4) CORONATION

ANTHEM *If You Love Me* Natalie Sleeth

TIME WITH CHILDREN

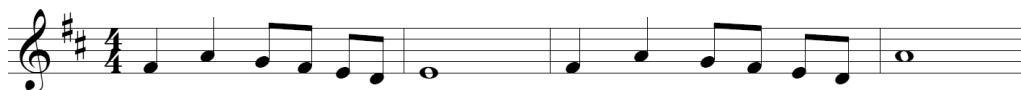
FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1–11 Pew Bible, page 884

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to

Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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 too may be lifted up to be your faithful people.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 576

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (vs. 1 and 2)

OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15–21

(Pew Bible, page 949)

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

* 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

SCARS AND ALL

INVITATION TO SHARE[†]

* Offertory

Jesus Calls Us

W.H. Jude/Arr. by Lani Smith

* 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

HYMN NO. 356

We, Your People, God, Confessing (vs. 3)

IN BABILONE

We, your people, God, communing through the Holy Spirit, here.

Joined together as disciples, in obedience now draw near.

At the table where the emblems of Christ's sacrifice are spread.

Here we celebrate his presence with the cup and broken bread.

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

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN

An Ascension Sending

Words, D.C. Bucholtz

Tune, Welsh Melody

Called by God into God's presence, Union restored.

Lifted up as first among us, to be adored.

As to us God came incarnate, so from us God's flesh departed,

Till the day He comes in glory, Jesus our Lord!

To the heart of God the Father, we too are drawn.

Led by Christ, God's Son, our Savior, into the dawn.

In this world we'll sing God's praises; from this world our souls God raises,

After Christ, God's Son, our Savior, to heaven's realm.

Blessings, hope, and peace be with us, into this night.

Grace and love enfold and keep us, from evil might.

All the love of God in Jesus, now sustain, from here release us.

Go in Christ, ascension people, walk in the light!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Dialogue

Jean-Francis Dandrieu

* 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: John and Holly Porter

Ushers: Jeff Mann, Bob DeVol, Jacob Mann, Vic Mann, and Stacy Sheets

Acolyte: Sydney Jedele

Lay Reader: Lillian Diuble

Anthem: Senior Choir; Directed by Julie Roberts

Altar Flowers: Given by Rudy and Susan Layher in memory of Rudy's mother, Marjorie F. Layher and her 100th birthday

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



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2019 BETHEL GRADUATES

Joshua Bunn - Graduating from Manchester High School. He will be attending Central Michigan University.



Adam Colby - Graduating from Penn Foster. He is planning to continue on to be the 4th generation in the family painting.

Katie Kuebler - Graduating from Chelsea High School. She received a scholarship to Washtenaw Community College and will pursue a career in nursing.



Keegan Laurent*



Eli Lobbestael - Graduating from Manchester High School. He will be attending Ferris State University and studying mechanical engineering.

Katie Wakevainen - Graduating from Washtenaw Technical Middle College. She plans to attend University of Michigan in the Fall 2020 after taking a gap year to work in the field of computer science.



And a special congratulations to our college graduates as well!

*Not pictured

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 19	Christina Baribeault.....	Carol Colby
	Karen Bellm	Renee St. Charles
	Ron Bush	Heimerdinger family & 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
June 2	Family & Friends of Mark McPherson	Carol Colby
	Family of Kurt Sieler.....	The Diuble Families
	Jane Trowbridge	Carol Colby

Those Serving Our Country

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 - Graduation Sunday

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour in honor of the graduates

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., June 3 **6:30 p.m.** Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., June 4 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- 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 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 10:30 a.m. Ice Cream Social planning meeting
 Camp Talahi CIT Camp (Grades 9-11) through June 21st
- June 17-20 **5:30-8:00 p.m.** Vacation Bible School at Emanuel UCC
- Tues., June 18 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Sat., June 22 **6:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry
- Sun., June 23 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 Camp Talahi Jr. High Camp (Grades 6-8) through June
 28th

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

Office Hours

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

Exception: Friday, June 14