



Bethel
United Church of Christ

July 7, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship and Sacrament

4th Sunday after Pentecost – Independence 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

America, the Beautiful

Samuel A. Ward

Arr. by J.W. Krug

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP – A PRAYER FOR THE NATION ¹

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will.

Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life.

Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action.

Make us, who came from many nations with many different languages, a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom that there might be justice and peace in our land.

When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful;

And in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. Amen.

* HYMN NO. 16

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

SPECIAL MUSIC

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe

American camp-meeting tune

Arr. by Jason Robison

TIME WITH CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 8

(Pg. 427, Pew Bible)

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;

¹ 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship

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!

CALL TO CONFESSION *Take, O Take Me As I Am* (sung twice) 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 ²

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. 4 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!* (vs. 1 and 2) NICAEA

SILENT CONFESSION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 4:1-11 (Pg. 997, Pew Bible)

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day

² O God of Earth and Altar. G.K. Chesterton, 1906; J. P. Huber, 1985.

and night without ceasing they sing, “Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.” And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

* 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 praise-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en 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

CASTING DOWN OUR GOLDEN CROWNS

INVITATION TO SHARE †

- Offertory *God Is in My Heart* Lucy Ann Warriner
* Response No. 46 *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

- * HYMN NO. 477 *Pass It On* (vs. 1) PASS IT ON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please approach the altar by the center aisle and return to your pew by a side aisle. Please note – the communion cup contains wine except for the inner ring of grape juice; the bread is gluten free.

Words of 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 and 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 NO. 720 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

* BENEDICTION

- * POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "Forest Green"* Trad. English melody
Arr. by L. Smith

* 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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
June 16	Family of Carolyn Goodemote.....	Renee St. Charles
	Gail Holder	Jean Holder
	Dixie Kingsbury	
	Lynda Timbs	Renee St. Charles
June 23	Dona Aras	Susan Luckhardt
	Andrew Campbell.....	Scott Diuble
	Debbie Farbrother	Nancy Loudin
	Lillian, David and Lorraine	Jean Martin
	Gail Mazzaro.....	Amy Riley
	Stacey Neigebauer.....	
June 30	Chris Barry	Stacy Sheets
	Family & Friends of Ronald Bush	Linda Wolff, Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger
	Michael Cattran & Cindy Hart.....	Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger
	Family & Friends of Roger Hughes.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Family of Margaret Johnson	Michelle Jedele
	Family & Friends of David Mynning	Carol Colby
	Family of Jeanne Marie O'Laughlin.....	Paul Heimerdinger
	Dave & Chelsea Render.....	Michelle Jedele
	Katelyn Simpson	Renee St. Charles
	Kelly Stults	Nancy Loudin
Family of Pat Vitale	Jody Feldkamp	
July 7	Karen Bellm.....	Renee St. Charles
	Nancy Bihlmeyer.....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Family of Jim Fowler.....	Michelle Jedele
	Marge Lindemann.....	Mary Beth Baker
	Family of Jan Losee	Michelle Jedele
	Alice Rossettie	Pastor Bucholtz
	Family of Matthew Stautz.....	Renee St. Charles
	Lyle Wahl.....	Diane Kring
	Michael Young	Pastor Bucholtz

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

Worship with Holy Communion
Camp Talahi Mini Camp (Grades K-2) through July 10th

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., July 9 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
Thurs., July 11 **4:30 p.m.** Bethel Ice Cream Social
Youth Ministry Camp Out (7th-12th grades)
Sun., July 14 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Ice Cream Social Committee
Camp Talahi Jr. Camp (Grades 3-5) through July 19th
Mon., July 15 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
Tues., July 16 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
Wed., July 17 **7:30 p.m.** Endowment Committee meeting at Baughmann's office
Camp Talahi Family Camp (all ages) through July 21st
Camp Talahi Transgender Youth & Family Retreat (adults 18+ and
children 12 & under) through July 21st
Fri., July 19
Sun., July 21 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
Camp Talahi Senior High Camp (Grades 9-11) through July 26th

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Mon., July 15 Friends In Deed Golf Outing at Washtenaw Golf Club
"The Polo Fields" 2933 Packard Rd. Ypsilanti
Thurs., July 18 Manchester Chicken Broil

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANTS

- Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Greeters: Paul and Jennifer Heimerdinger
Ushers: Dave Herter, Jim Burmeister, Rudy Layher, Fred Munson, and Nate Munson
Acolyte: Elizabeth Diuble
Lay Reader: Carol Colby
Child Care: Amanda Eisenmann
Special Music: David Bucholtz, Soloist; Jennifer Bucholtz, Horn
Altar Flowers: Given by Ray and Ava Goff. "Consider the lilies of the field..." Matthew 6:28.



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