

A vibrant blue sky with a bright sunburst in the upper left and scattered white clouds. The sunburst is a central point of light with many rays radiating outwards, creating a starburst effect. The clouds are fluffy and white, scattered across the blue sky. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Bethel United Church of Christ
August 11, 2019

The People of God Gather for Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Bless the Broken Road
Here Comes the Sun
How Great Is Our God

Rascal Flatts
The Beatles
Chris Tominson

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm

* PRAISE HYMNS

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt and Beth Redman

**Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow, blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.**

CHORUS

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise;
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name!**

**Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name.**

CHORUS

**You give and take away, You give and take away,
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name!**

CHORUS

**How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere**

Repeat

**One thing I ask, and I would seek to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells:**

**Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere**

Repeat three times

**My heart and flesh cry out For You, the Living God,
Your Spirit's water to my soul.**

**I've tasted and I've seen, Come once again to me,
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.**

**Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere**

**Better is one day, Better is one day, Better is one day
Than thousands elsewhere**

Repeat

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:1–11

(Pg. 957, Pew Bible)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self,

which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We Fall Down

Chris Tomlin

**We fall down, we lay our crowns at the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love at the feet of Jesus.
And we cry holy, holy, holy; We cry holy, holy, holy;
We cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb!**

Repeat

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Jason Ingram / Stuart Garrard / Meredith Andrews

**Over the mountains and the sea, your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart, and let the healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands:
For I will always sing of when your love came down.**

**I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever,
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever.**

Repeat

**Oh, I feel like dancing, it's foolishness I know;
But when the world has seen the light, they will dance with joy,
Like we're dancing now.**

**I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever,
I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.**

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:12–17

(Pg. 958, Pew Bible)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint

against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

* 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

SUMMER FASHION

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

God of Wonders

Byrd and Hindalong

* Response

How Great Is Our God

Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

How great is our God, sing with me.

How great is our God, and all will see.

How great, how great is our God!

* 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.

* PRAISE HYMN

Thrive

Mark Hall / Matthew West

Oh....., Oh.....

**Here in this worn and weary land, where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry
So living water flowing through, God we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

CHORUS

**Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on High
Shine like the sun make darkness run and hide
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives
It's time for us to more than just survive, we were made to thrive.**

Oh....., Oh.....

**Into Your word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are
So living water flowing through, God we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

CHORUS

**Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible.
*Repeat 4 times***

CHORUS

**Hey!
Oh....., Oh.....
We were made to thrive!**

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

*I Will Be Here
Cowboy Take Me Away*

Steven Curtis Chapman
Dixie Chicks

* 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 ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Today our worship style will have a new flare. Many thanks to Aaron Helber for sharing his sound board expertise to provide recorded tracks of contemporary Christian music. We hope you enjoy the change and encourage you to sing along with the rhythm of the Spirit moving in and among us.

As one of our song leaders points out: "Our music today will be different. But the God we worship is the same today as yesterday, and as He will be tomorrow. I encourage you to use your hands for worship today – use them as instruments to clap along to a song when your heart swells with joy or open them up as we open our hearts to God in song. Lastly, if you feel so moved that you need to raise your hands up to God, feel free. If you choose to sit, sit with God. If you stand, stand with God. And if you dance, dance with God. There are a million different ways to worship our God and He is well pleased with every one of them!"

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



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| Minister: | Rev. David Bucholtz |
| Song Leaders: | Bethel Praise Choir with Aaron Helber on sound board |
| Greeters: | Harvey and Marcella Luckhardt |
| Ushers: | David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Bruce Lobbestael, Eric Lobbestael, and Ethan Lobbestael |
| Acolyte: | Emma Shankland |
| Lay Reader: | Diane Seeger |
| Child Care: | Cat Meyer |
| Praise Choir: | Directed by Julie Roberts |
| Altar Flowers: | Given by the Luckhardt Family in memory of Robert and Esther |

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PRAYER REQUESTS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SUBMITTED BY</u> |
|----------------------|---|------------------------------|
| July 21 | Daniel Brook..... | |
| | Family of Theron Joseph Brooker-Nolan | Marie Cornell |
| | Lucy Bukis..... | Renee St. Charles |
| | Michael Cattran & Cindy Hart | Paul & Jennifer Heimerdinger |
| | Family of Kathy Christensen..... | Emily St. Charles |
| | Margaret Cummiskey..... | |
| | Casey & Colleen Dauw and family | Amanda Laberdee |
| | Denise Davis..... | |
| | Family of Jerry Hamm..... | Jody Munson |
| | Sharon Houston | |
| | Dixie Kingsbury | |
| | Stacey Neigebauer..... | |
| | Family of Mr. Jack Novodoff..... | Jennifer Heimerdinger |
| | Jacques Shaninger..... | |
| Dianna Springer..... | Judy Laberdee | |
| Barbara Steer..... | Millie Guenther | |
| July 28 | Anita Amrhein..... | Susie Amrhein |
| | Dean Amrhein | Susie Amrhein |
| | Angela Fiegel..... | Judy Fiegel |
| | Esther Floyd & family | Alison Robison |
| | Sue Guenther..... | Stacey Neigebauer |
| | Jody Munson & family | Alison Robison |
| | Family of Brenda Bunney Olinger..... | Elaine Creech |
| | Family of Terri Ann Sides..... | Judy Jahnke |
| August 4 | Glenda & Johnny Capps | Emily St. Charles |
| | Family of Larry Carr | Jean Holder |
| | Dave Helber..... | Larry Helber |
| | Family and friends of Danny Kaiser | Michelle Jedele |
| | Joe Kerckhart..... | Marleen Glasser |
| | Al Kremko | Nancy Loudin |
| | Sharon & Jim McMurray..... | Emily St. Charles |
| | Gladys Uphaus..... | Nancy Loudin |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>SUBMITTED BY</u> |
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| August 11 | Sue Guenther..... | Stacey Neigebauer |
| | Krista Magill | Betty Jean Harper |
| | Anna Masters..... | Judy & Fred Jahnke |
| | Mary Sue Moore..... | Pastor Bucholtz |
| | Janet Olson | Jean Holder |
| | Joyce Braun Paulsen | Karen Miller |
| | Family of Dave Stanley | Joe Roberts |
| | Julie Stanley..... | Julie Roberts |
| | Lyle Wahl | Pastor Bucholtz |

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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| 09/25/2010 | GySgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines..... | Lyle Wahl |
| 01/13/2013 | Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army..... | |
| 04/03/2016 | Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines | Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt |
| 10/08/2017 | Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals..... | Darlene Kuebler |
| 09/02/2018 | Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals..... | Jody Munson |
| 02/24/2019 | Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Betty Jean Harper |

TODAY AT BETHEL

10:45 a.m. Ice Cream Social follow-up meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tues., Aug. 13 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., Aug. 14 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Thurs., Aug. 15 Newsletter articles are due
11:30 a.m. Women of Bethel Annual Meeting at Diane Seeger's house.
Please sign up in the back of the church to bring a salad.
Please bring a lawn chair if possible.
- Sat., Aug. 17 **6:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry & families trip to St. Louis Center
(7th-12 grade)
- Sun., Aug. 18 **9:30 a.m.** Worship - Welcome Emanuel UCC!
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
3:00 p.m. 6th Annual Golf Outing at Rustic Glen Golf Club for
Missions Support
- Tues., Aug. 20 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
7:00 p.m. Hearts & Hands committee meeting
- Aug. 22 & 23 No office hours
- Sat., Aug. 24 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters reserve Reineck Fellowship Hall
- Sun., Aug. 25 **9:30 a.m. Worship at Emanuel UCC, Manchester**
- Mon., Aug. 26 **7:30 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal
- Tues., Aug. 27 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
9:00 a.m. Archives Committee meeting
5:00 p.m. Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor
- Sun., Sept. 1 **9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
- Mon., Sept. 2 *Labor Day*
- Tues., Sept. 3 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Sun., Sept. 8 **9:30 a.m.** Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off
11:00 a.m. Board of Christian Education meeting
- Wed., Sept. 11 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Sun., Sept. 15 Newsletter articles are due

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

Exception: Closed August 22 & 23