

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 13, 2018

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you who walk through our doors and you who are outside those doors. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual orientation, race, belief, emotional and physical health, gender identity, marital status and station in life bring to the Bethel family and our relationships.

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Minor, Book II- JS Bach

GATHERING & WELCOME

Call to Worship to Honor Our Immigrant and Refugee Sisters and Brothers

Pastor: For all those who see "home" and all it means disappear behind them;

For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them;

Congregation: For all those who dwell in daily insecurity;

For all those who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads;

For all families in migration we pray.

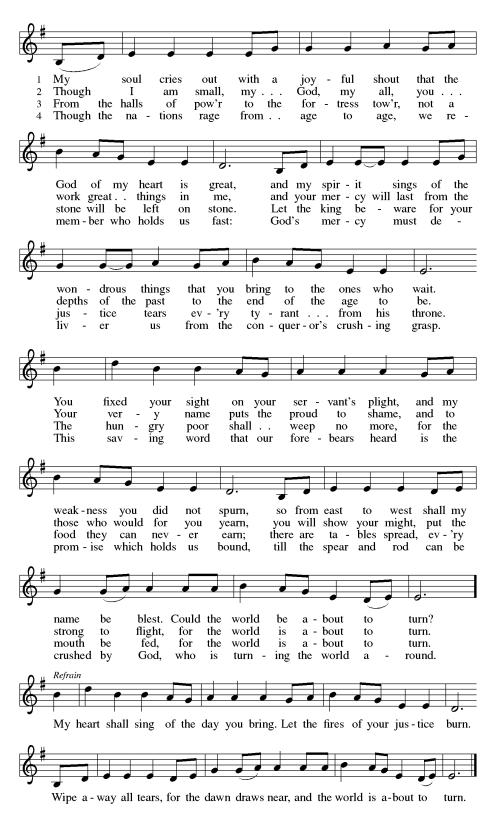
Pastor: May the image of the Holy Family fleeing oppression stay with us. May this

image stay with us each night as we are blessed with returning to a home.

Congregation: May we also be blessed with compassion for those still weary,

still seeking, still with so far to go.

Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. A gender neutral restroom is located behind the worship space next to the church office. Please ask the Usher or Greeter for assistance. There is also a rocking chair in the rear of the Sanctuary. Please use it as you wish.



GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, we pray for the hands of the people of the earth, the hands that plant the seed, he hands that bind the harvest, the hands who nurture and care for our children, the hands that carry the burden of life. Soften the hands of the oppressor and strengthen the hands of the oppressed, that the measure they deal will be tempered with justice and compassion. We pray this in the name of the Risen God, Jesus Christ. Amen

FIRST READING John 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

The day I became a citizen was one of the proudest days in my life by Moby

I'm a foreigner who has become a naturalized citizen of the United States. My parents, both of whom hold doctorate degrees, brought our family here when I was 5 years old. My father was escaping a brutal civil war in Africa. *A 'terrorist state.'*

We had green cards, which meant that we could live here permanently. But after many years living in this country, we wanted to take it a step further. We all applied for citizenship. It's not always an easy (or cheap) process. My dad made it first, then my mom. When I was 18 (having lived the past 13 years in the US) I was finally approved for citizenship.

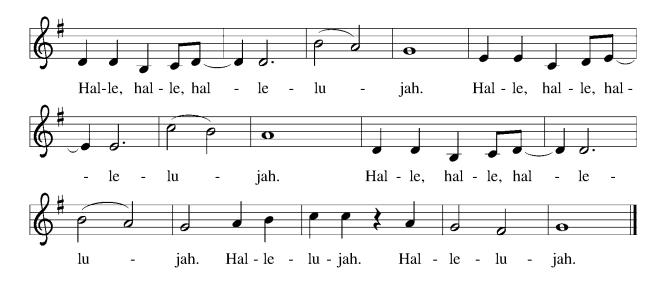
The day I became a citizen was one of the proudest days in my life. I was sworn in, given an American flag pendant, and the next day I signed up for selective service (puts your name in the drawing for military draft, should that ever happen again).

My parents are both doctors. I and my sister earned master's degrees and work in the medical field. My other sister earned her doctorate and is a college professor. We are good citizens. We pay our taxes. No one in my family has been in legal trouble. My sister has spent years volunteering at a homeless shelter, I have spent years volunteering at a free clinic for low-income people who don't have health care. My other sister is a foster parent and works with troubled and abused children. I may be arrogant in saying this, but I feel like we have paid our dues, that we have given back as much as we have gotten. Green cards are hard to get. WE WERE VETTED. You don't just show up and say, 'I'd like three green cards please.'

And citizenship takes effort for years, and diligence, and money. We aren't citizens just because we happened to be born in Kentucky or Pennsylvania or Ohio.

We are citizens because we love this country enough that we are willing to make the effort over years (and spend thousands of dollars) just so we can have that little flag on our lapel and have the pride to say we are American. Is THAT the kind of person this country wants to keep out?"

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 17: 6-19

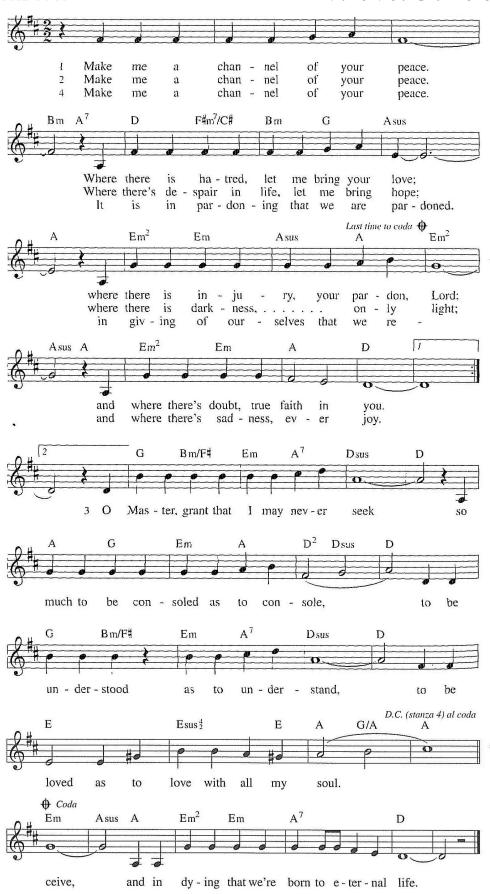
[Jesus prayed:] "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON



SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

SCRIPTURE

P: Hear the testimony of the Holy Scriptures concerning baptism:

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

The Ethiopian said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"...Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the Ethiopian saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:36, 38-39)

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. In this new life we are joined across time and space to our ancestors who have lived and died in the faith and to the whole Christian community on earth. Their witness supports our Christian journey. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

One or more sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

Before the God of our ancestors and on behalf of this congregation, I present Galen Kristof Andeen for baptism.

P: As you present your child for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture them in faith and prayer so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

<u>Galen Kristof Andeen</u>, do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life? **Response: I do**.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? **Response: I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support <u>Galen Kristof Andeen</u> and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **Response: I do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- **P:** Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior? **Response: I do**.
- **P:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **P:** Do you believe in God the Father:
- All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

BAPTISM & AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING

- **P:** The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- **P:** Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and creeks. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Breathe your Spirit into this water, and into all who are gathered here this day. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen**

BAPTISM

Galen Kristof Andeen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The congregation responds with the following acclamation:

All: Blessed by God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

- **P:** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.
- **P:** Sustain with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **All: Amen**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS & ANOINTING

P: Galen Kristof Andeen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **All: Amen**

WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

P: Walk in the faith of Christ crucified and risen. Shine with the light of Christ.

WELCOME

P: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

The congregation welcomes the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SONG OF BAPTISM

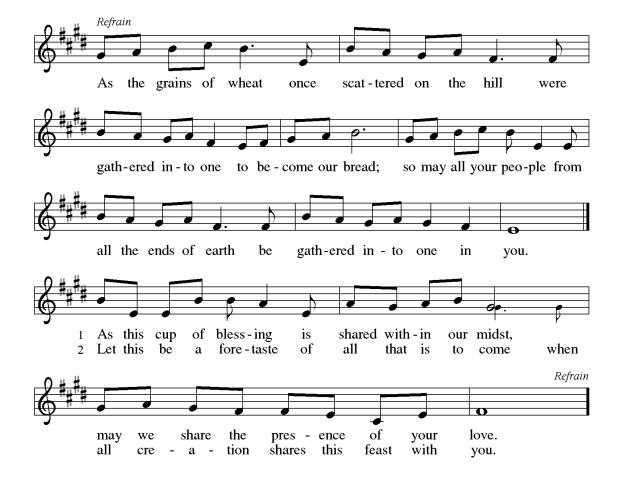
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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat



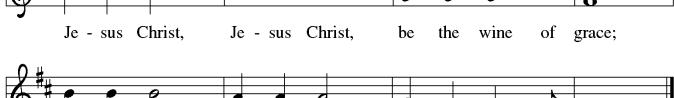
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **Amen**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Our welcome extends to the Communion Table. We recognize that this is Christ's Table and Christ's invitation. Please come forward as you are invited. If you prefer not to receive Communion at this time, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – just fold your arms across your chest so that we know you prefer a blessing. Wine is served from the first chalice; grape juice is served from the second. We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups of wine.





Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

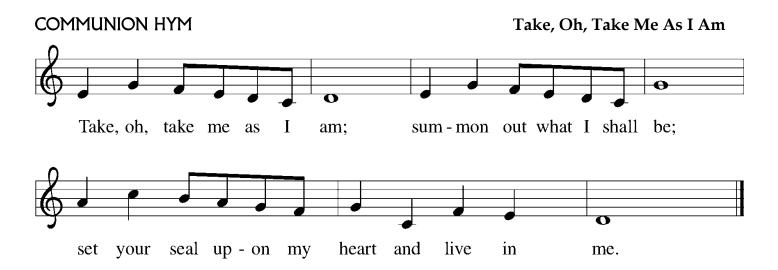
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration for PR. Mike and Barb, Timmy and Sarah - See back page

BLESSING

| Stewardship of Service | Today: | Next week - May 20: | |
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| Ministers: | All Baptized Members of Bethel | All Baptized Members of Bethel | |
| Pastor: | Pastor Michael Keys | Pastor Michael Keys | |
| Pastor: | Pastor Christine Core | Pastor Christine Core | |
| Musician: | Timmy Straw | Timmy Straw | |
| Usher: | Stephanie and Collin Burdick | | |
| Reader: | Joann Noll | Holly Redfern | |
| Communion: | Barb Keys | | |

SENDING HYMN This Is My Song



- P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world! Go in peace to do as you have been told: to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.
- C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

| Coming | <i>Up</i> : |
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May 19 Cabaret & Cabernet

June 24 Sunday Parkways - please be aware that streets abutting Bethel will be closed off

for bicyclists and you may need to allow extra time for parking.

June 16 & 17 Pride 2018 Weekend! If you're interested in being involved: Staffing the Sacred

Space Booth – this is a safe place for festival goers to stop for conversation, prayer, a blessing or the offer of Holy Communion. We are present at the Festival to hold space to serve others, to declare clearly everyone is loved and no one is ever

excluded from the love of God. Pride Parade - Sunday, June 17 - more information

to come.

June 17 Bp. David Braver-Rieke will preach

| Prayer Requested for: | Prayer Concern: | Prayer Contact: |
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| For all victims of shooting violence | Peace and comfort and that our distress of our hearts become action to prevent more violence | Bethel Staff |
| Vance | Prayers for healing | Gabe Moody-Burghard |
| Elizabeth Presberg | For healing and comfort, as her health is fragile | Joann Noll |
| Katie Reitel | Prayers of healing, strength and comfort for Katie and support for her family | The Bentleys |
| David Lingnau | Prayers for healing and comfort; prayers for Stephanie and the rest of the Burdick family Pr. Christine | |
| Shirley and Jeff Kolpin | Prayers of healing for Jeff; peace and comfort for Shirley | Cate Milburn |
| Dorothy Hansen | Prayers of healing | Pr. Christine |
| John Gowdy | Preparing for surgery | Pr. Christine |
| Susan Frossard | Peace, comfort, and relief from pain; prayers of comfort for her husband, Mike | Pr. Christine |
| Regina Seman | Healing, Strength and comfort for health issues | Svea Erickson |

Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, the family of Skip Getman, Dennis Mitchell, Dale Tersey, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau, Jr., Ben Lingnau III, Paul Beezhold, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor, Bob & Nancy Leon, Steve Garrick.

WE WELCOME THE STRANGER

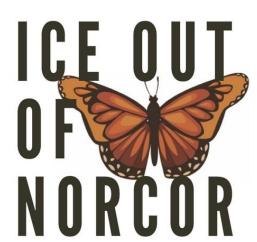
This Easter Season we have been lifting up the stories of immigrants, refugees and those who are detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). We hope you have been open to the stories of the people who are held in detention. We hope your hearts are open to prayer for those who suffer the indignities of detention and the pain of families who are torn apart when a loved one is deported.

On Saturday, April 28, four of us from Bethel (Dorian and Ruth Bentley, JulieAnn Edman and Pr. Christine) joined over 270 others who travelled to The Dalles to stand in solidarity with the women and men who are held at NORCOR (Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Center). We worshipped, we listened, we walked silently and we chanted – demanding ICE get out of NORCOR.

Why? Because we believe that a 30 year-old Oregon State Law that prohibits the use of state and local resources to enforce federal immigration law if a person's only "crime" is being in the country illegally is being violated. NORCOR's treatment of detainees is especially punitive (detainees have their pillows and personal belongings confiscated). Family visitation is prohibited; only clergy and attorneys are allowed inside and then can speak only to the detainee through a thick glass wall. Your signature, along with about a thousand others, on the Family Visitation petition was delivered to the NORCOR Board of Directors, and we raised enough money (\$2,800) to offset the outrageous cost of phone calls.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Monday, May 21, 12 noon "Sanctuary in the Streets" - Monthly Interfaith Vigil, Washington County Courthouse
- Thursday, May 31, 10 11 am "Last Thursday Witness" IMIrJ ICE Vigil, ICE Office Building, 4310 SW Macadam Ave
- Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8:30 pm Next IMIrJ Meeting, St. Michael and All Angels, 704 NE 43rd Ave, Portland
- - Saturday, June 9, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm Active Hope: Resistance & Resilience for Immigration Rights Activists and Allies Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark St. Ask Pastor Christine for more information



CELEBRATION FOR PR. MIKE AND BARB, TIMMY AND SARAH

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - FOLLOWING WORSHIP

With sadness, next Sunday we say farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Mike and Barb, Timmy and Sarah. Pr. Mike will start his ministry at Resurrection Lutheran Church on June 1. Timmy has received the Fulbright Scholarship and will be studying in Moscow for a year. And, Sarah has changed work assignments and the new job (and not us) is taking some of the stuffing out of her.

And while we sad about having to say goodbye to these dear people in our lives, we are also celebrating with them. Everyone has new opportunities, new challenges and places where their growing edges will be exercised!!

Join us after worship for a special time of Celebration for Pr. Mike and Barb, Timmy and Sarah.

Chuckles and maybe a little "roasting"

Yummy bites

Conversations that matter and maybe a few tears.

CABARET & CABERNET



Festivities begin at 6pm

SNAPPY live music! RAUCOUS silent auction! DELICIOUS food and drink! Please call the church office to reserve your table: \$20 per ticket; \$150 for a table of 8.

Our menu this year comes from the culinary talents of our favorite Argentinian chef, Sonia Fornoni. Delectable delights include: Empanadas!

And a special desert: Arrollado de Dulce de Leche!

All proceeds to benefit the BETHEL DROP IN CENTER Do Good, Be Ioyous, and Bring your DANCING SHOES!