



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 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

### GATHERING & WELCOME

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

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| Pastor:       | For all those who see “home” and all it means disappear behind them;<br>For all those who cannot see a home in the days ahead of them;                                       |
| Congregation: | <b>For all those who dwell in daily insecurity;<br/>For all those who are weary and without a safe place to rest their heads;<br/>For all families in migration we pray.</b> |
| 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: | <b>May we also be blessed with compassion for those still weary,<br/>still seeking, still with so far to go.</b>   |

*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.*

GATHERING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World



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Refrain



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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.

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



*Refrain*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



*Refrain*  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Justice, give us the will to leave behind and open up the safety of our sanctuaries and temples; that our voice, our heart, our spirit will join the voice, heart and spirit of all who demand to live with respect, justice and peace; and that our buildings of worship may be known as a place of refuge and respite. We pray this in the name of the Risen God, Jesus Christ. Amen

## FIRST READING

## I John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

### *Home by Warsan Shire, a refugee from Somalia*

No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark  
You only run for the border when you see the whole city running as well:

~~ Your neighbors running faster than you, breath bloody in their throats  
~~ The boy you went to school with who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory is holding a gun bigger than his body

You only leave home when home won't let you stay.

No one leaves home unless home chases you fire under feet, hot blood in your belly. It's not something you ever thought of doing until the blade burnt threats into your neck and even then you carried the anthem under your breath. Only tearing up your passport in an airport toilets sobbing as each mouthful of paper made it clear that you wouldn't be going back.

You have to understand, that no one puts their children in a boat unless the water is safer than the land. No one burns their palms under trains beneath carriages. No one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck feeding on newspaper unless the miles travelled means something more than journey. No one crawls under fences no one wants to be beaten, pitied

I want to go home, but home is the mouth of a shark. Home is the barrel of the gun and no one would leave home unless home chased you to the shore, unless home told you to quicken your legs, leave your clothes behind. crawl through the desert, wade through the oceans, drown, save, be hunger, beg, forget pride, your survival is more important

No one leaves home until home is a sweaty voice in your ear saying - leave, run away from me now, I don't know what I've become but I know that anywhere is safer than here.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## GOSPEL

## John 15: 9-17

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: Holy Word, holy wisdom.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE


# SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY


Will You Come and Follow Me




1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call




your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



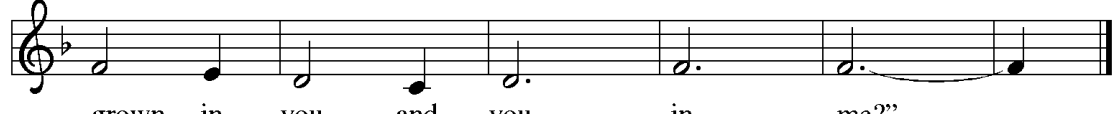
know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE


OFFERING

OFFERTORY As the Grains of Wheat


Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were




gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from




all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when





Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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**

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,  
 2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,  
 in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,  
 in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,  
*Refrain*  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;  
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## LORD'S PRAYER

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION HYM

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show  
 us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.  
 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si-lent-ly wash-es their feet,  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var-ied in col-or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si-lent-ly wash-ing their feet:  
*Refrain*  
 mas-ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near-by and far a-way.  
 all these are neigh-bors to us and you.



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

BLESSING

Stewardship of Service	Today:	Next week - May 13:
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:	Jared Burdick	
Communion:	Jared and Brady Burdick	Barb Keys

SENDING HYMN

We Are Marching in Light of God

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

- 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 Up:	
May 19	Cabaret & Cabernet
June 10 & 17	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:
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
June and Wayne Hassebroek	Prayers following the death of June’s sister Gladys	Pr. Christine
Justin Richardson	Prayers for the family of Karen Carpenter’s nephew Justin, killed suddenly in a car accident, and particularly for Justin’s mother Christy Richardson	Karen Carpenter
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
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.		

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR EASTER SEASON

In 2016, the Oregon Synod of the ELCA became the first in the synod to declare themselves a "Sanctuary Synod." The statement - passed by all of us through our governing body - encourages us to "become Sanctuary churches ready to protect refugees and undocumented sisters and brothers from arrest and deportation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers."

Bethel joins with the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice to lift up immigrants who live and work in our community. We give thanks for the many gifts and talents they bring to our nation. We give thanks for all who live in our community who came here to escape poverty, oppression or violence; and for those who came seeking opportunity. We open our hearts to provide welcome and accompaniment to people facing persecution and oppression. As faithful people of God, we pray for all immigrants and refugees.

In part, our worship this blessed Easter Season will help us focus on the suffering of our immigrant sisters and brothers and, we pray, deepen our commitment to them.

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## 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 Joyous, and Bring your DANCING SHOES!