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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.



WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

You are the God who makes extravagant promises.

**We relish your great promises of fidelity and presence and solidarity,
and we exude in them.**

**Only to find out, always too late,
that your promise always comes in the midst of a hard, deep call to obedience.**

You are the God who calls people like us,
**and the long list of mothers and fathers before us,
who trusted the promise enough to keep the call.**

So we give you thanks that you are a calling God,
who calls always to dangerous new places.
**We pray enough of your grace and mercy among us
that we may be among those who believe your promises
enough to respond to your call.**

**We pray in the one who embodied your promise
and enacted your call, even Jesus. Amen**

By Walter Brueggemann, in Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann

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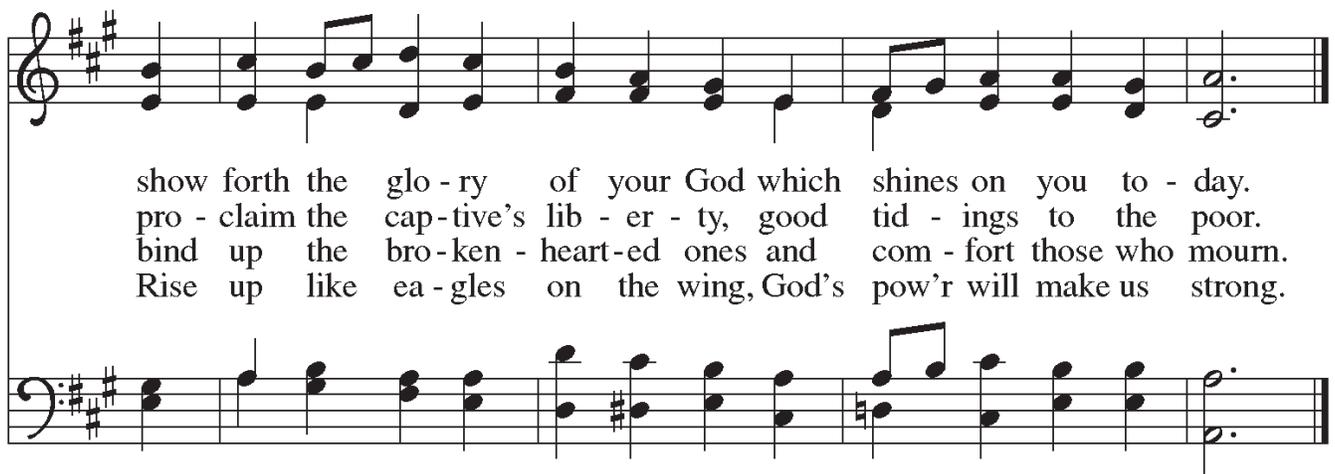
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Opening Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Greeting

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



Hymn

This is the Feast (continues on next page)



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



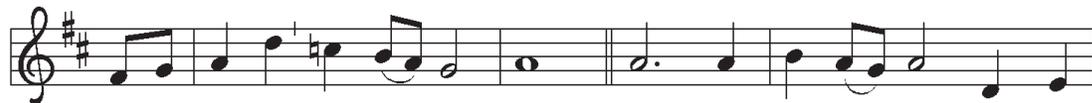
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



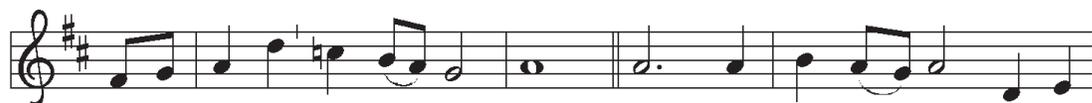
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



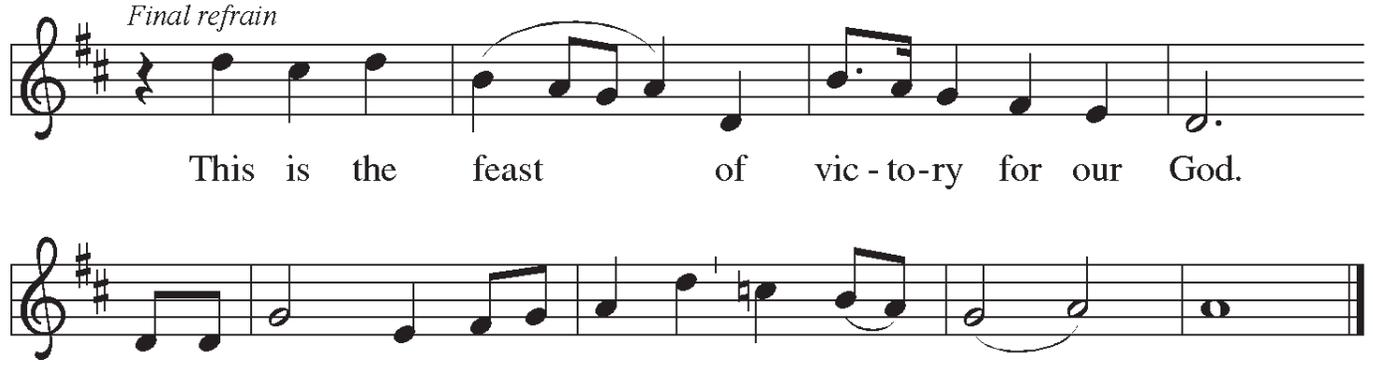
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation

May God be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.
Amen.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom,
and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that
not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even
an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that
Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the
firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous
made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks
a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the
one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from
heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake
not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what
is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we
are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an
acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since
God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every
weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set
before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the
throne of God.

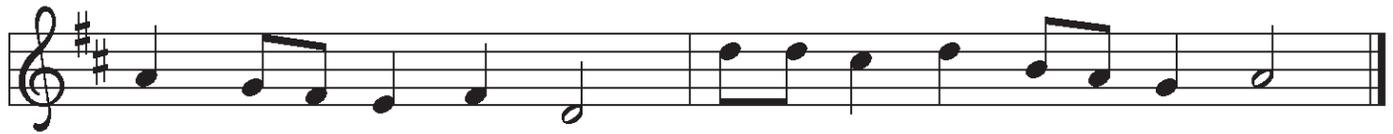
P: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the thirteenth chapter.

The people respond: **Glory to you, O God.**

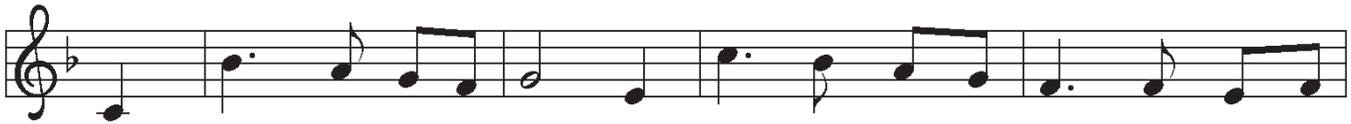
Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

The people respond: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

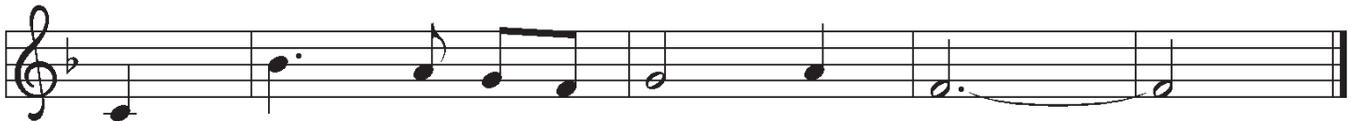




- 1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me
- 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des - ert sand is dry. You break the
- 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of
- 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta - ble set. We break the



when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.
 rock, a riv - er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.
 faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a - gain.
 bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.



Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

- 5 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The Easter grave is sealed; you roll the stone—you, God, alone—then sin and death are healed, are healed. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.
- 6 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You stood high on a hill. A holy cloud: you are on high. Be still, my heart, be still, be still. Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 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.
 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.



Prayers of the People

Response: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

WE CELEBRATE THE MEAL

Offertory

Offertory Music

Come, All You People



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity, through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

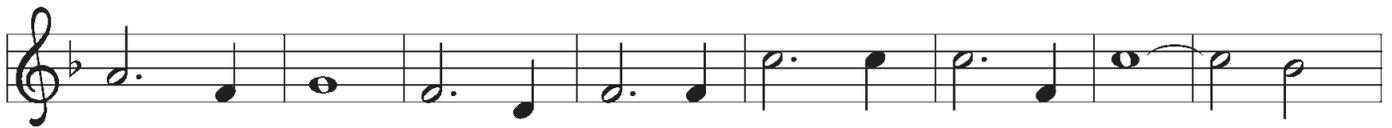
Our Father and Mother
Who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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

Invitation to Communion

God invites you to this table of bounty. Come, the banquet is ready.

Hymn

Taste and See



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Communion Distribution



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.

Communion Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Prayer After Communion

Holy One, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ, our Redeemer. Amen



WE ARE SENT IN JESUS' LOVE

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

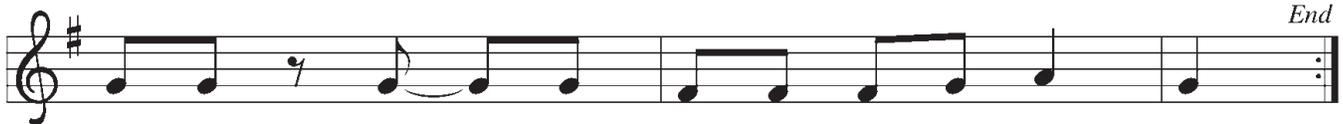
Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

Dismissal

Go in peace to share the Good News.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	Strength to advocate for justice, health care, education for all, encouragement to learn to talk through fears and communicate across boundaries, and courage to establish a "Just world for all"	Staff
For all who labor in God's world	Prayers of thanksgiving for all volunteers who devote their time to our many ministries to each other and to the community, including and most certainly not limited to our breakfast ministry workers; those who serve to take care of our buildings; those who clean and garden, those working to promote and encourage the well-being of others, and those who extend love and care to everyone they meet	Staff
Barbara Horne	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Tammy Gover
Steve Stoner	Prayers of healing and comfort.	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Prayers of thanksgiving for a successful surgery. Peace and comfort as further treatment is discerned.	Pastor Core
Leo Lawrence	Prayers for healing.	Pastor Core
Karen Anderson	Now at home in Portland, recovering from a bad fall.	Staff
Family & friends of Don Connor	Peace and comfort following his death. Don was Phyllicia's stepfather.	Phyllicia McGowan
Bob Hoggard	Prayers of healing.	Becky McAllister
Paul Tweten	Prayers of peace and comfort following a diagnosis of inoperable prostate cancer	Jim VanDyke
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Bertha Anderson, Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Mary Rix, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Aug 25	Next Week - Sept 1
Ministers:	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor:	Pr. Christine Core	Pr. Christine Core
Musician	Steve Mariman	Jamie Webster
Usher:		Joe Tancredi
Reader:	Marlo Edman	
Communion:	JulieAnn Edman	

BETHEL NEWS



COMING UP:

- August 29** **Choir Kickoff and Potluck Rehearsal 6:30 pm at Bethel**
August 31 **Women's Spirituality Group** | 8:30 AM at the Edman's home
Sept. 6, 7, & 8 **Congregation Camp Out** | Talk to Scott and Tana for sign-up and details

For the Future

- Oct. 11-13** **Women's Retreat** at McKenzie Bridge

OTHER NEWS

Welcome back Bethel's Singers and Music Lovers! | Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 pm

Choir Kickoff and Potluck Rehearsal

Our kick-off meet-and-greet choir retreat will be held Thursday, August 29, at 6:30 pm (**note new date and time**). We'll begin with the fellowship of sharing a light supper potluck, then lead off rehearsal time with vocalizing warm-ups that might be new or review for you, a prayer song or two as we share and lift up joys and concerns for ourselves and our world, and then we'll "audition" a number of musical selections I've picked for us to sing in the next few months. The curated short-stack includes a variety of styles (classical, gospel, folk-y, catchy ...) and a variety of degrees of difficulty. It also includes music from different continents, and from composers long gone as well as by two living local treasures.

Going Forward

My hope is that we'll be able to sing 2 pieces each coming month - one easier and one more difficult - either both on the same Sunday, or separated out as schedules allow. Naturally, there's a little wiggle room to cordially decline any pieces that simply don't fit our group tastes and performing forces! All are welcome, treble and bass clef singers, the trained and the untrained, the steady-on-my-own sort and the following-what-my-neighbor-sings sort. Whoever sings, prays twice, and I look forward to this time of singing prayer with you!

By Way of Introduction

Hi! I'm delighted to be part of your crew at Bethel Lutheran! I have been serving as a church musician and director for nearly 30 years now, beginning in my teens and including the last 18 years or so with the ELCA (Our Redeemer Lutheran in Eugene, St. Stephen Lutheran in Gladstone, and now ... here!). (I've also served Methodist, Missouri Synod Lutheran, Church of God Indiana, United Church of Christ, and Catholic congregations). One cool thing about my family background is that there have been a continuous chain of women music leaders since (at least) the early 1800s when my great-great-grandmother led singing for her Dunkard Brethren church in Pennsylvania! These days, my work with churches is informed by some different perspectives than when I began as a teen, including perspectives from my degrees in vocal performance and music education, and graduate degrees in musical folklore, musicology (history) and ethnomusicology (world contexts). Because of my academic training, I think and plan more about how to highlight meaningful rituals, foster personal and spiritual growth through singing and music making, and about our roles as singers/music makers/spiritual people within our world. I've also spent many years singing in and conducting many fine choirs, and the feedback I hear is that singers appreciate my calm, patient, inclusiveness - including good jokes at no one's expense - while my directing style has also been described as "like nails..." (hm), seeming to describe that I can help us stay on target and reach goals, allowing us to sing joyfully and feel really good about the sounds we are offering in our worship space. I hope that we find this good fit together in our future singing as well! -- **Jamie Webster**, Music Director

Women's Spirituality Group | Saturday, August 31, 8:30 am at the Edman's home

YES, we are meeting regularly now to gather, to pray together, to find ways listen to each other and to God. We will be meeting every two weeks, alternating between Saturday mornings at 8:30 and Thursday evenings at 7. *NOTE: 7 is a change from 6:30 due to travel concerns.*

Next meetings: Thursday, 9/12 at 7 pm and Saturday, 9/28 at 8:30AM

We have copies of In Wisdom's Path, by Jan Richardson, the book we are using. Right now. If you plan to participate in the women's group, you may want a copy so let me know. For those who can afford it, they are \$25 each. If you can pay even part of that it is appreciated. It is the kind of book that can be used for spiritual refreshment throughout your life! At least it is for me!



We need a volunteer to be the hostess for the Thursday meeting of 9/12 because I will be inundated with a brief slew of family! What JOY! An adult vacation with my adult kids!

The Great Bethel Camp Out 2019! | September 6, 7, and 8

Campers will descend on Milo McIver Park near Estacada at the Steelhead Group Site on Friday and Saturday night.

The cost is \$20 for the weekend per person. All food, parking and campsite amenities are available to you. Come as soon as you can on Friday, the site is available in the afternoon. Find your perfect spot to set up your tent and enjoy the weekend. Bring any adult beverages you wish to consume or share and any specialty food items you need. This is what we will have available. Snacks and soft drinks and s'mores at night. All firewood provided.

To reach the campgrounds, your best bet is to put Milo McIver state park into your maps app and off you go.

If you don't wish to camp with us, drive out anytime, it's about 45 minutes from downtown Portland. We will have plenty of food and snacks to share.

Bethel Women's Retreat | October 11-13, McKenzie Bridge

Come join us for a weekend of learning, prayer, reflection, relaxation, and relationship. We'll start with Compline on Friday evening and then ease our way into blessed conversation on Saturday morning.

Let our Registrar, Jackie Calder, know if you would like to go. We are working on the costs for the weekend and will have that number soon. And let Pastor Christine know if you will need scholarship help for the retreat or for the book purchase.

A small group of women decided that we would use a book by Brene Brown as a jumping off point. That book, ***Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead***. The book is available on amazon.com in paperback for \$9.34 and we urge you to read through this book between now and the retreat.

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