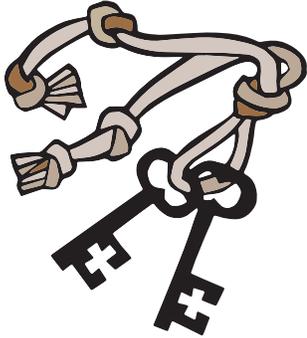




12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church



We are glad you are here with us via Zoom 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. 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.

Communion

We will celebrate Holy Communion together via zoom -- a temporary practice during this time of forced social distancing. Please have bread/cracker(s) and a cup of wine/grape juice ready, if you and those with you would like to participate. If you do not have access to wine/grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup – Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, "I am the bread of Life."

GATHERING

Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 51)

The Lord will comfort Zion; God will comfort all the waste places, and make the wilderness like Eden.

The desert will be like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found there.

The sound of thanksgiving and the voice of song will break forth,

And God's justice will be a light for all the peoples.



Hymn

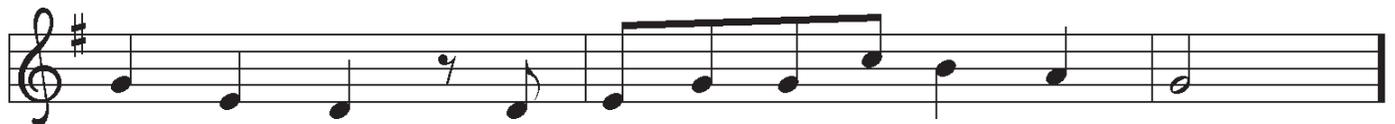
Light Dawns On a Weary World, verses 1 and 3



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
loam, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



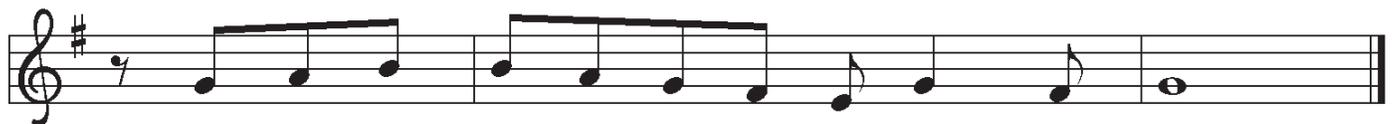
The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Contemporary Hymn

Go Light Your World, Christopher Rice

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Chorus

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame

Chorus

We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times

Chorus



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

O God, with the Apostle Peter and all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, for you are the rock of our lives. Be our sure foundation and form us into the Body of Christ, that we may gladly witness to your grace and minister to all that you have made, through Jesus Christ the Lover of our Souls. Amen.

WORD

Reading

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



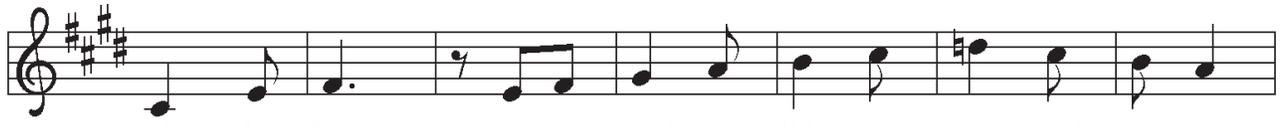
Gospel Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

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



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

Refrain



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



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



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord!

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Children's Time

Sermon

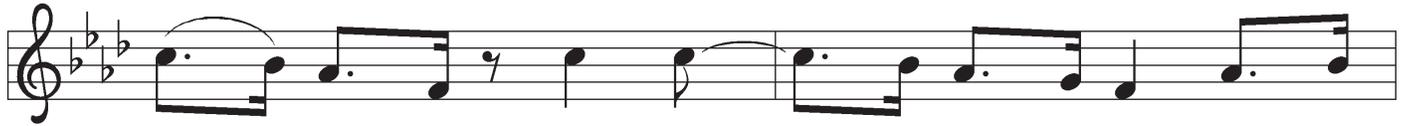


Hymn

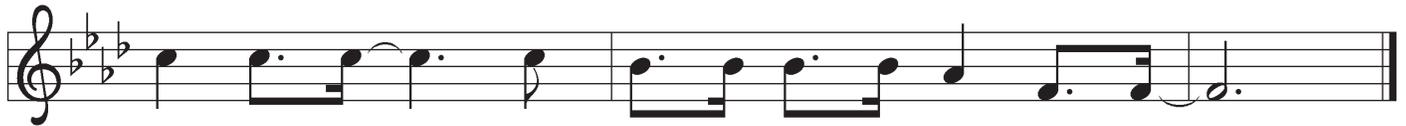
Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land



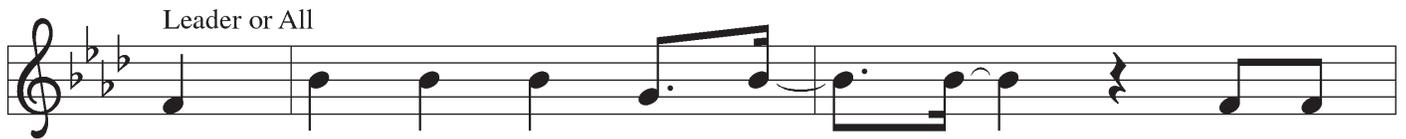
Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a



wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a



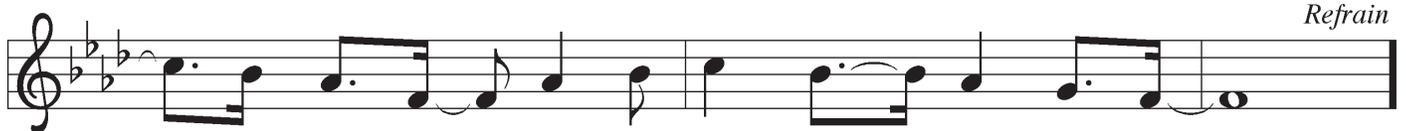
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.



1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, the . .
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum - bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.



Prayers of Intercession

The response to each prayer will be: Hear us, O Lord.

Your mercy is great!

Sharing the Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

Offering and Affirmation of Giving (based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19)

Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it.

We who call Jesus Lord devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs.

We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth.

We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come.

Please Donate to Bethel using Give Plus: Donate by Text:

(855) 944-1171 or one of our other options:

<http://bethelpdx.org/donate/>

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer

The pastor will guide you when to take the bread & cup and eat & drink

Holy God, Mighty Wind, Gentle Presence:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and fruit of the vine.

Bless this meal and breathe new life into us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to disciples, saying, Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, and gave thanks; and gave it for all to drink, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all people, that sins may be forgiven. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup



SENDING

Announcements

Sending Hymn

The Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Blessing

Blessing

God is our Rock and Refuge;
A strong Tower for all who turn to God in trust and hope.
Almighty and All-loving God, shield and shelter (+), strengthen and keep you,
now and forever.

Amen.

Go in confidence and peace. Share the love and grace!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

None of Us Are Free, Solomon Burke

Prayer Requested For:	Prayer Concern:	Prayer Contact:
For the world	Prayers for assurance of God's love and healing as we work together during this global pandemic.	Staff
For all who have lost their jobs	Prayers of strength and counsel as many cope with job losses during this global trial.	Staff
For the People of Bethel Lutheran	May the wisdom and counsel of the Holy Spirit abide within the people of Bethel during this time of change and transition.	Staff
Katie Reitel & Family	Prayers for peace & assurance of God's love.	The Bentleys
Faith St. John	Healing and support as she undergoes treatment for cancer.	Staff
David Gyles	Continued prayers for David and Sandy as David continues to struggle with his lung problems	Bethel Care Team
Joan Barber	Peace and comfort and freedom from discomfort as she begins palliative care.	Pastor Core
Marlo & JulieAnn Edman	Prayers for gratitude as Marlo is recovering so well after his surgery..	JulieAnn Edman
The Griffin Family	Prayers for, the Griffin family, their son Harry, is hospitalized and is receiving chemotherapy cancer.	Tana & Scott Burris
Bethel's guests and volunteers	Peace and safety for Bethel's guests and volunteers who we cannot be with at this time, and especially for Rich Blackwood and Leo.	Joann Noll
Paul Hansen (Joyce & Warren's oldest son)	Healing, strength and comfort after colon cancer diagnosis; surgery scheduled for July.	Bethel Care Team
Carol and John Knight	Prayers for Carol and John Knight as he's isolated in memory care unit during the pandemic.	Karen Anderson
Our prayers continue for many among us: for Timothy Collins, Elizabeth, Rob, Jacob Bard, Miles Bard, Annalu Lingnau, Ben Lingnau III, David Lingnau, Patricia Connor.		



Stewardship of Service	Today - Aug 23 Virtual	Next Week-Aug 30 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Dr. Kathleen Hollingsworth	Jamie Vandenburg
Musician		

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