



14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 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

Blessing for Labor Day & Beginning of the School Year

Gracious God, your Son came among us as a carpenter, dignifying all who labor.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Let us pray together:

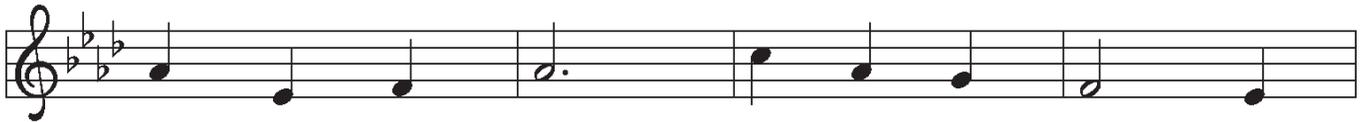
Gracious God, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all engaged in the work of education. Give them courage and vision for this unique school year. Bless the hearts, as well as the minds, of students that they may grow in grace and faith, as well as knowledge and learning; through Jesus Christ, our Wisdom and Joy.

Amen.

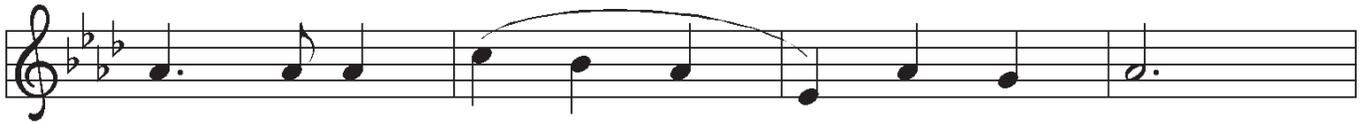


Hymn

Earth and All Stars, verses 3, 4 & 5



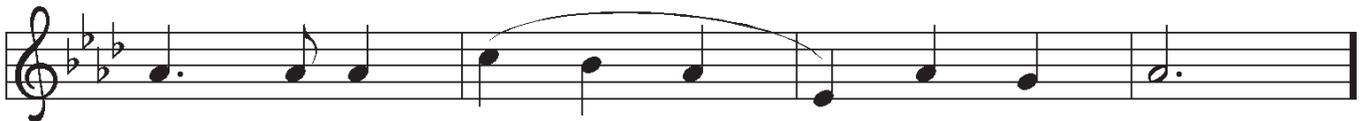
1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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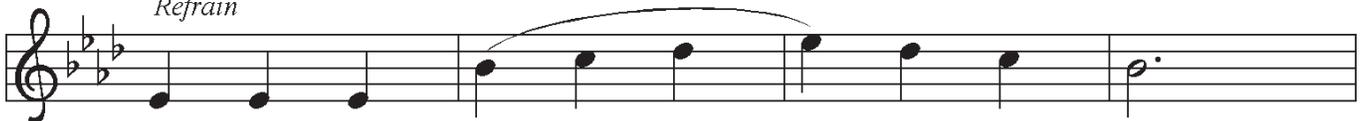


Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Kyrie

In Peace, in Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your



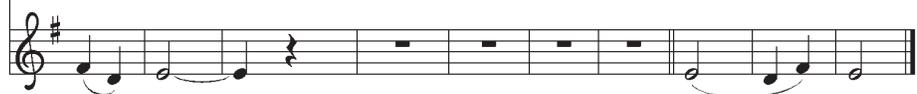
word, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

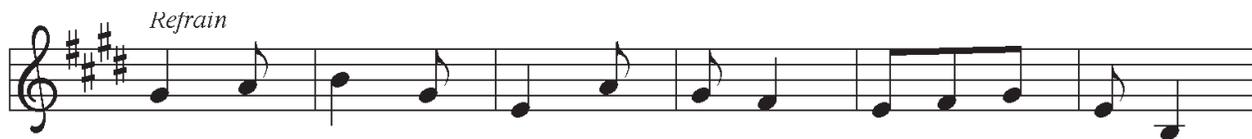


mer - cy. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

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.



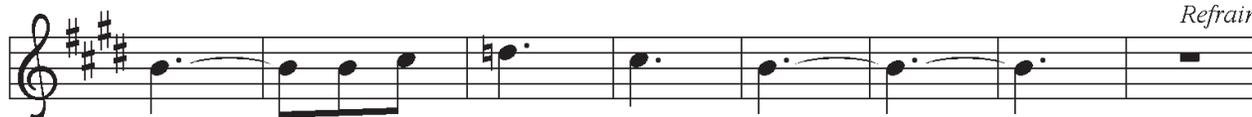
2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

WORD

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together:

Holy God, you call us to reconciliation and right-relationships. Teach us your undivided law of love, that we may love all your children even as you do, love you with all our will and strength, and find true freedom in our labor and service, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Lover of our Souls.

Amen.

Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

Children's Time

Sermon



Hymn

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken, verses 1, 4 & 5



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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

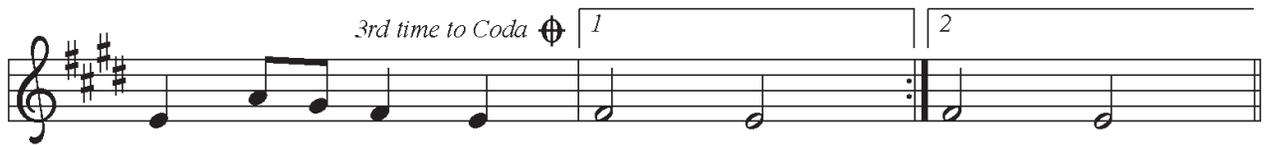
Praise to You, O God of Mercy, verses 1 & 3



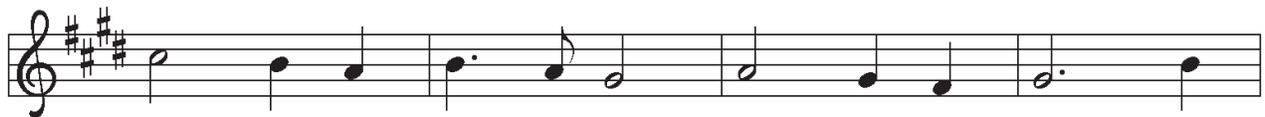
1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



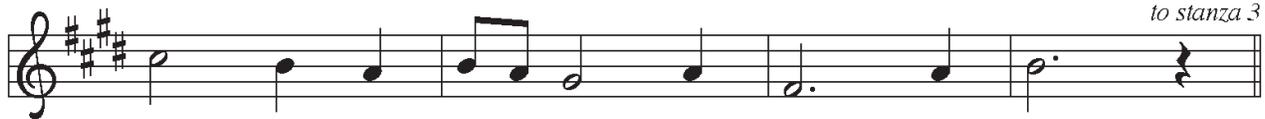
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Blessing

In Christ, God was reconciling the world, not counting our trespasses against us,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
How passionately and unconditionally God loves us,
how completely and utterly God loves us,
now (+) and forever, God loves us.

Amen.

Go in that reconciling love. Be an ambassador for Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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
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
For Parents, Children and Teachers	Prayers for patience and strength as we navigate school during times of covid.	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
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 - Sept 6 Virtual	Next Week - Sept 13 Virtual
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Scott Dunfee	Pastor Scott Dunfee
Music Director	Kathleen Hollingsworth	Kathleen Hollingsworth
Musician	Jamie Vandenburg	
Cantor	Jared Burdick	

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