



Fifth Sunday in Easter

Worship with Holy Communion
May 15, 2022



Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

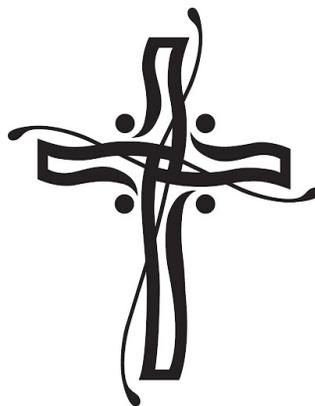
We are glad you are here with us—in person and via Zoom—and we pray God will be real to you as you worship. Bethel is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Knowing God loves all creation and holds us all, we welcome you. We welcome everyone and honor the rich diversity and giftedness that age, sexual 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, as well as gathered in person. 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 or grape juice, you may receive Communion without the cup—Christ is present in the bread, as Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” (John 6:35)

GATHERING

Prelude

**Trouble Me
By Natalie Merchant**



Restrooms are located in the basement on the east side of the building. An all gender 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.

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Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

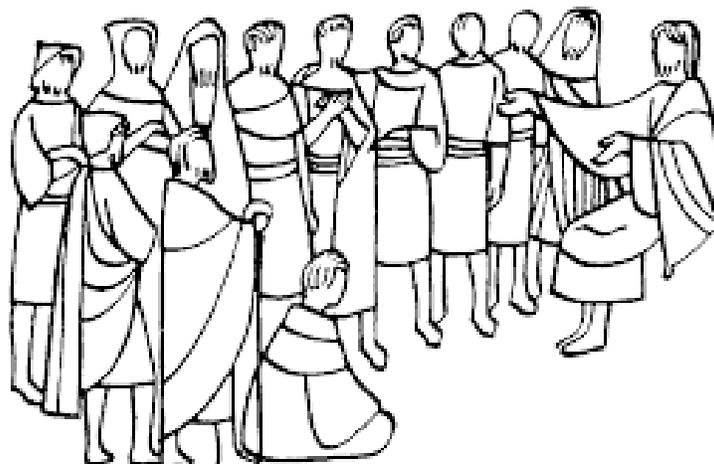
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

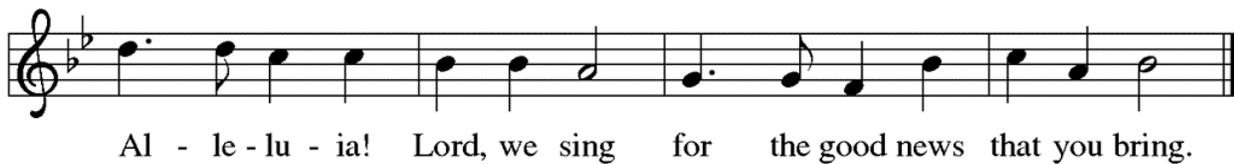
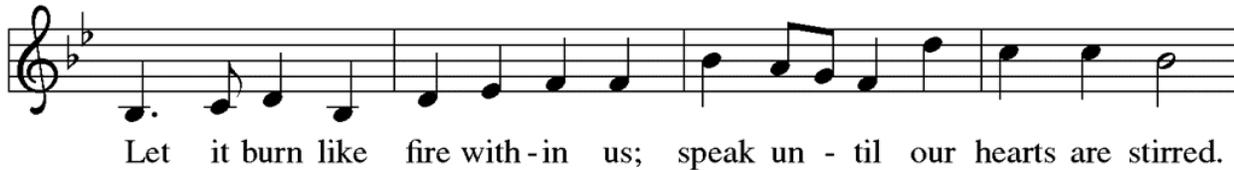
Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

*Read responsively, congregation will read portions in **bold**.*

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.
- ²**Praise the Lord all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹²**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**
- ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord!**

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon



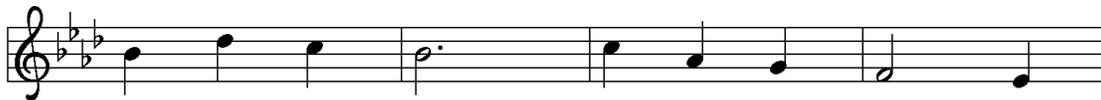
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayers of Intercession

*The response to each prayer is: God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

Sharing of Peace — *Take time to share the peace on Zoom and in person*

Offering

You may use one of our options for giving online at: <http://bethelpdx.org/donate> or by text using Give Plus: (855) 944-1171. Additionally you may donate by mail or, if worshipping in-person, use the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting the many ministries of Bethel!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need to awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

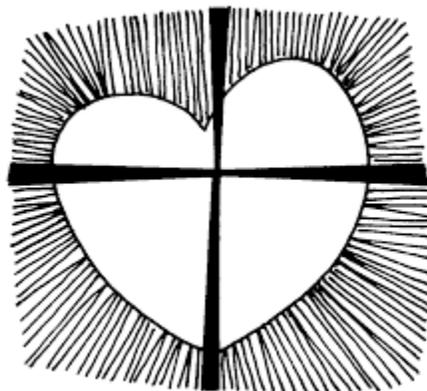
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.



SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

In The Garden
Traditional Hymn

The Sending.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news of Easter.

Thanks be to God.



Stewardship of Service	This week – May 15	Next week – May 22
Ministers	All Baptized Members of Bethel	All Baptized Members of Bethel
Pastor	Pastor Leon LaCross	Pastor Leon LaCross
Presider	Ryan Burghard	-
Preacher	Jim Van Dyke	-
Music Director	David Tafone	David Tafone
Zoom Host	Joann Noll	Volunteer needed!

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Please Pray

Pray that we know that God is close and that we are open to receiving and sharing God's love.

Pray for peace and justice in Russia and Ukraine. Pray for the people of both countries, the diplomats and negotiators, and the leaders of all the nations involved. Pray that all refugees and displaced persons are safe and warm and fed. Bring healing and comfort to the injured and grieving. Pray that the warfare ceases.

Pray for peace and justice and safety among our houseless neighbors. Help us understand how we can share your love with them.

Pray for the end of the fires in New Mexico and for the rains to cover those areas plagued by drought.

Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church.

Pray for Bethel leaders, including **Pastor Leon LaCross, Music Director David Tafone, Admin Assistant Kerry Czuba,** and the **2022 Church Council members.**

Pray for our children, that they be safe in school and find joy in learning. Let us welcome their noisy, (mostly!) joyful participation in online and in-person gatherings!

Pray for those who are ill:

Don Worthington as he recovers from a trip to the hospital and his wife, Linda, and family as they support him in his recovery.

Neil Marshall (Nash's Portland family) as Neil undergoes treatment for a brain tumor while newly returned to his home base

Faith Moser (mother of Joann Noll) and all her family who are caregiving and traveling and dealing with plumbing adventures in Faith's older home.

JulieAnn Edman, spouse Marlo, request prayers for stamina, healing, and safe travel.

David Gyles for improved lung health

Leo Lawrence as he continues treatment for cancer

Shirley Kolpin and family as Shirley recovers from hip surgery and faces life's challenges with humor, stubbornness, and joy

John Knight and family as John continues in memory care

Pray for the family and friends of those we have recently lost to death:

Aurora Stignani (infant daughter of Marissa and Kyle Stignani, granddaughter of Brenda, and great-grand-niece of Marlo and JulieAnn Edman)

Katie Reitel (friend of the Bentley and Siems families) who died in hospice care

Carolyn Beck (spouse of Jim)

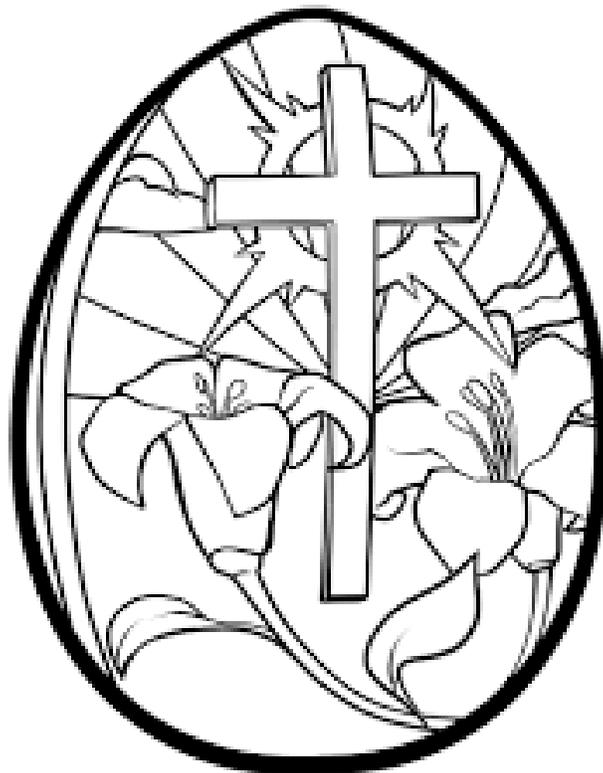
Margie Fletcher (spouse of Michael and mother of Micah and Mitchell)

Pray for those enduring family loss and anguish, we continue to pray for the Marx Family and Stignani Family.

Pray for Cedar, nephew of P.J. & Dorian Bentley, that he receives caring and effective mental health treatment during a very difficult time for him and his family.

A friend of Pastor Leon asks us to pray for healing from racialized trauma that has been experienced at the hands of the Lutheran denomination.

Continuing prayers for well-being for our loved ones Timothy, Elizabeth, Marlo, Julie Ann, Faith, Jim, Rob, Jacob, Miles, Andrew, Nash, and Patricia--may they walk in light and peace.



It's still Easter Season!