



## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEASON OF CREATION—MOUNTAINS

AUGUST 10TH, 2025

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

*+ indicates to stand in body or spirit;  
**bold print** indicates congregational responses*

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE (8:30)** *“This is My Father’s World”* arr. D. Burton

**(10:30)** *“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”* arr. John Carter

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### + INVOCATION

Grace and peace to you from the God of Shalom,  
who creates, claims, and calls you for here and now. **Amen.**

# + GATHERING SONG "Here and Now" verses 1, 2, & 5

*Verse 1 will be sung as a solo. All are invited to join on the following verses.*



1. Per - haps you have come\_ down a well trav - eled road\_
2. So ma - ny the sto - ries we car - ry and tend,
5. The Spir - it is blow - ing wher - ev - er she will,\_



bring - ing your hopes\_ and your ques - tions un - told or  
beau - ty and bro - ken - ness, wait - ing to mend. So  
stir - ring our hearts, heav - en's call to ful - fill. May



may - be you're hold - ing too heav - y a load. O  
come to this place\_ from what - ev - er has been; re -  
we be a bea - con of light on a hill to



come, just as you are.\_\_\_\_\_ to verse 2  
mem - ber whose you are.\_\_\_\_\_ all other verses to Refrain  
shine just where we are.\_\_\_\_\_

## Refrain



Here we are, on this sac - red ground.\_\_\_\_



Heav - en dwells a-mong us here\_\_\_\_\_ and now.

## + GATHERING PRAYER

God of every time and every place,  
by your Spirit we have been gathered  
from the rhythms and rituals of daily life  
to remember who and whose we are.

Guide our attention to the here and now,  
 so that we turn aside to see the great sights,  
 encounter you, and are strengthened  
 by your provision and peace. Amen.

## BAPTISMAL JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS: CAMP & TRIP REFLECTIONS

### ✧ WORD ✧

**PSALM** *"I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"* VT #602 (a paraphrase of Psalm 121)

*<sup>0</sup>A Song of Ascents.*

*<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
 from where will my help come?*

*<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the LORD,  
 who made heaven and earth.*

*<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved;  
 he who keeps you will not slumber.*

*<sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel  
 will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*<sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper;  
 the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

*<sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day,  
 nor the moon by night.*

*<sup>7</sup>The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
 he will keep your life.*

*<sup>8</sup>The LORD will keep  
 your going out and your coming in  
 from this time on and forevermore.*

1. I to the hills will lift my eyes. From whence shall come my aid?  
 2. God will not let your foot be moved, your guar - dian nev - er sleeps.  
 3. Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your shelt - er and your shade.  
 4. From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro - vide for all you need.

My help is from the Lord a - lone, who heav'n and earth has made.  
 God's watch - ful and un - slum - b'ring care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.  
 'Neath sun or moon, by day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.  
 Your go - ing out, your com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

**READING**    *EXODUS 3:1-6; 24:9-18*

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

*After a long conversation with God on the mountain, Moses accepts his calling to confront Pharaoh. Even when God's power is shown through a series of plagues, Pharaoh repeatedly refuses to release the Israelites from slavery. Only after the tenth plague, the death of the firstborn, does Pharaoh initially relent... and then pursues God's people to the Red Sea. God parts the waters and the Israelites are saved. Moses leads God's people to the same mountain where he had been called— Mount Sinai is another name for Mount Horeb.*

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

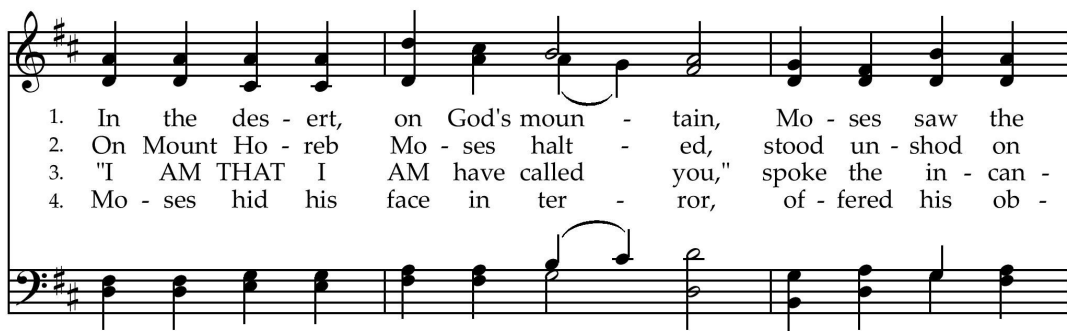
<sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

<sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

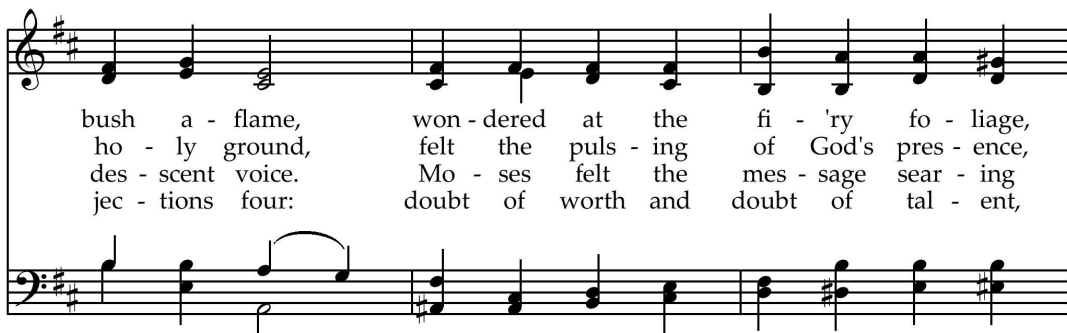
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**HOMILY**

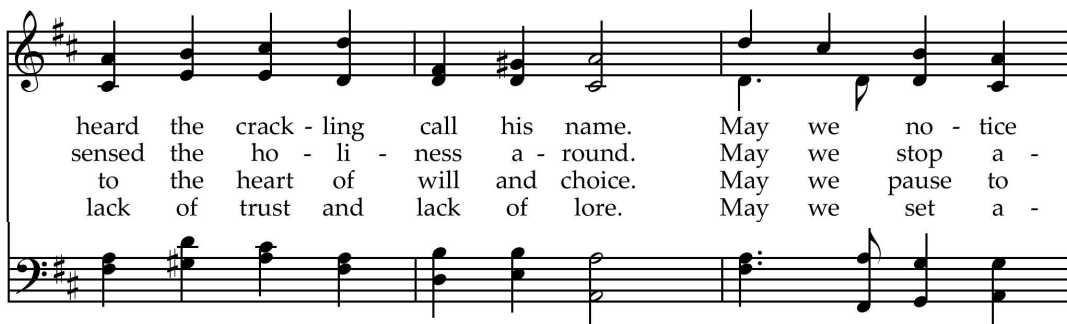
+ HYMN OF THE DAY *"In the Desert, On God's Mountain"* OSB #66



1. In the des - ert, on God's moun - tain, Mo - ses saw the  
 2. On Mount Ho - reb Mo - ses halt - ed, stood un - shod on  
 3. "I AM THAT I AM have called you," spoke the in - can -  
 4. Mo - ses hid his face in ter - ror, of - fered his ob -



bush a - flame, won - dered at the fi - ry fo - liage,  
 ho - ly ground, felt the puls - ing of God's pres - ence,  
 des - cent voice. Mo - ses felt the mes - sage sear - ing  
 jec - tions four: doubt of worth and doubt of tal - ent,



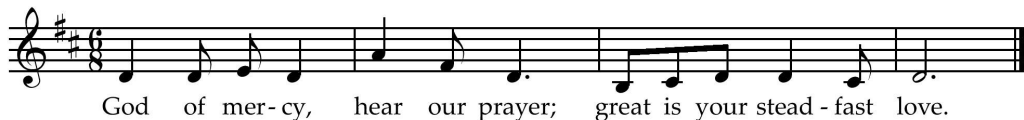
heard the crack - ling call his name. May we no - tice  
 sensed the ho - li - ness a - round. May we stop a -  
 to the heart of will and choice. May we pause to  
 lack of trust and lack of lore. May we set a -



bush - es burn - ing; may we won - der at the flame.  
 mid life's la - bor; may we hon - or ho - ly ground.  
 an - swer sum - mon; may we hear God's burn - ing voice.  
 side ex - cus - es; may we take the task be - fore.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “Great is Your Steadfast Love”

*A soloist will sing the Refrain once at the beginning of the prayers; the assembly is invited to join at the end of each petition:*



## + SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING



Guests

Generosity is part of who we are as God’s people. Guests can use their QR code to give via Breeze, Bethel’s trusted online giving platform. Select "Member Faith Giving" to give to the general budget. Members can use their QR code to sign into Breeze to give a one-time gift or to schedule an automated donation. Online giving cards (at the name tag stations), checks, or cash may be placed in the offering plates as they are passed.



Members

**ANTHEM (8:30)** “*It is Well With My Soul*” arr. R. Barnwell  
**(10:30)** “*Lift Thine Eyes (from ‘Elijah’)*” Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

## + OFFERTORY “Enough for Today” verses 1, 4, & 5

1. E - nough for to - day,\_\_\_ a flow - er's splen - dor; e -  
4. E - nough for to - day,\_\_\_ the Spir - it's heal - ing; e -  
5. E - nough for to - day,\_\_\_ rich bless - ings giv - en; e -

nough for to - day,\_\_\_ a spar - row's nest. Con -  
nough for to - day,\_\_\_ the strength\_\_\_ God gives. Suf -  
nough for to - day,\_\_\_ e - ter - nal springs. Un -

sid - er the care,\_\_\_ our Mak - er ten - der:\_\_\_  
fi - cient the grace,\_\_\_ such pow'r\_\_\_ re - veal - ing:\_\_\_  
end - ing the love,\_\_\_ the hope\_\_\_ we live\_\_\_ in:\_\_\_



—	e - nough	for	us	to	trust.
—	e - nough	for	us	to	live.
—	e - nough	for	us	to	sing!

# + OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the winged ones and the wildflowers,  
 by your living word you call us valuable  
 and promise what we need to live abundantly.  
 Renewed by your presence and provision,  
 we offer our whole selves to this time and place,  
 trusting it is enough because you say it is so. Amen.

## ✠ MEAL ✠

# + GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

# + EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Generous God, you show your love through the beauty and bounty of Creation.  
 For the benefit of all creatures, you make rivers flow in the desert and bring forth plants from  
 the soil. When we are lost, you deliver guidance from the mountaintops. And when we fall short,  
 you send Jesus, born of Mary, to redeem us.

*The Words of Institution / Las Palabras de la Institución*

These simple sacraments reflect your loving creation. Wheat from the field  
 and grapes from the vineyard become our bread and wine. And by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 both become instruments of your grace. Bless this meal, the earth that bore it, the hands that made it,  
 and the people who share it, that we may be a blessing to your world. **Amen.**

# + THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy

name; thy king - dom come, thy will be done on

earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our

dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,

as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er

us from e - vil. For the

king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours

now and for - ev - er. A - men.



## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION ANTHEM (8:30)** *"Pie Jesu"* Andrew Lloyd Weber

**HYMN (10:30)** *"God, the Mountains Tell Your Glory"*



1. God, the moun - tains tell your glo - ry,  
 2. Lord, when Mo - ses was re - turn - ing  
 3. Christ, you taught up - on a moun - tain,  
 4. Thank you now for blue - green moun - tains,



lift - ing praise to you a - bove! In your  
 to the moun - tain that he knew, There a  
 show - ing us God's king - dom view. In the  
 red - brown mes - as, high peaks, too. Here may



Word, each moun - tain sto - ry shows your pres - ence  
 bush was bright - ly burn - ing. There it was he  
 heights when you were pray - ing, God's own glo - ry  
 we en - joy cre - a - tion, know your pres - ence,



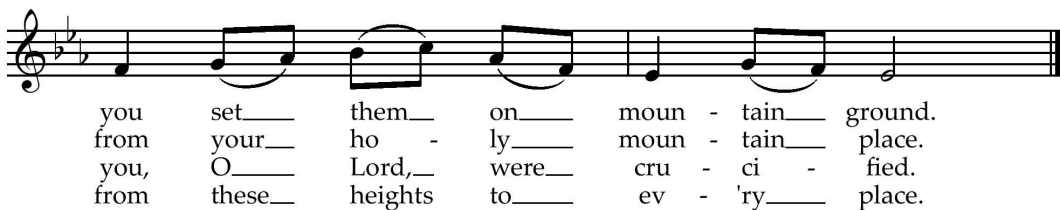
and your love. No - ah built as you com -  
 heard from you. La - ter Mo - ses felt your  
 shone on you. Climb - ing to a qui - et  
 learn from you. Here may we sing out your



mand - ed; soon the wa - ters swirled a - round.  
 pres - ence; in the heights he knew your grace.  
 gar - den, in your grief and faith you cried.  
 glo - ry, hear your call and find your grace.



Those you saved, Lord, safe - ly land - ed;  
 He brought down the Ten Com - mand - ments  
 On a hill for our own par - don,  
 Ris - en Christ, we'll tell your sto - ry,



### + TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

### + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Once again, O God, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, and thirst for your way of peace, that we may live more fully in you; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### + BENEDICTION

Go forth in peace, and be of good courage;  
 hold fast to that which is good,  
 rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 And may the God  
 who fills the hungry with good things  
 fill us all with Christlike love  
 and with a consuming hunger for justice  
 in our land and in our world. **Amen.**

+ SENDING HYMN “How Great Thou Art” ELW #856 stanzas 1 & 2



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



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thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE (8:30) “Praise, My Soul” arr. Robert J. Powell

(10:30) “God, the Mountains Tell Your Glory” arr. Greg Bottomley