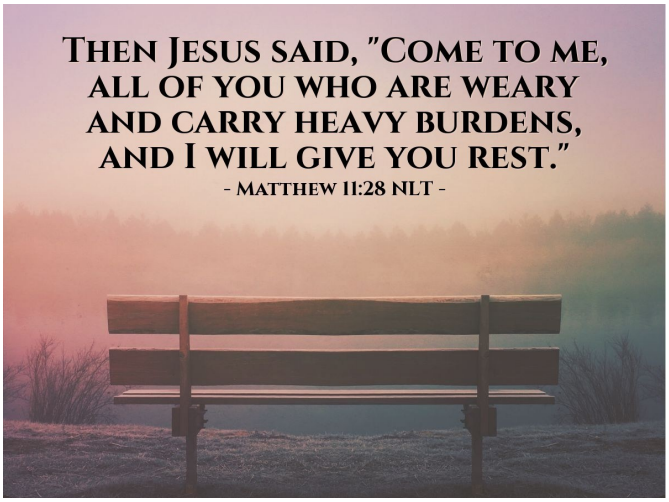

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5TH, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 AM

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***bold print** indicates congregational responses*

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE *"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"* arr. Brad Nix

WORDS OF WELCOME

+ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth. **Amen.**

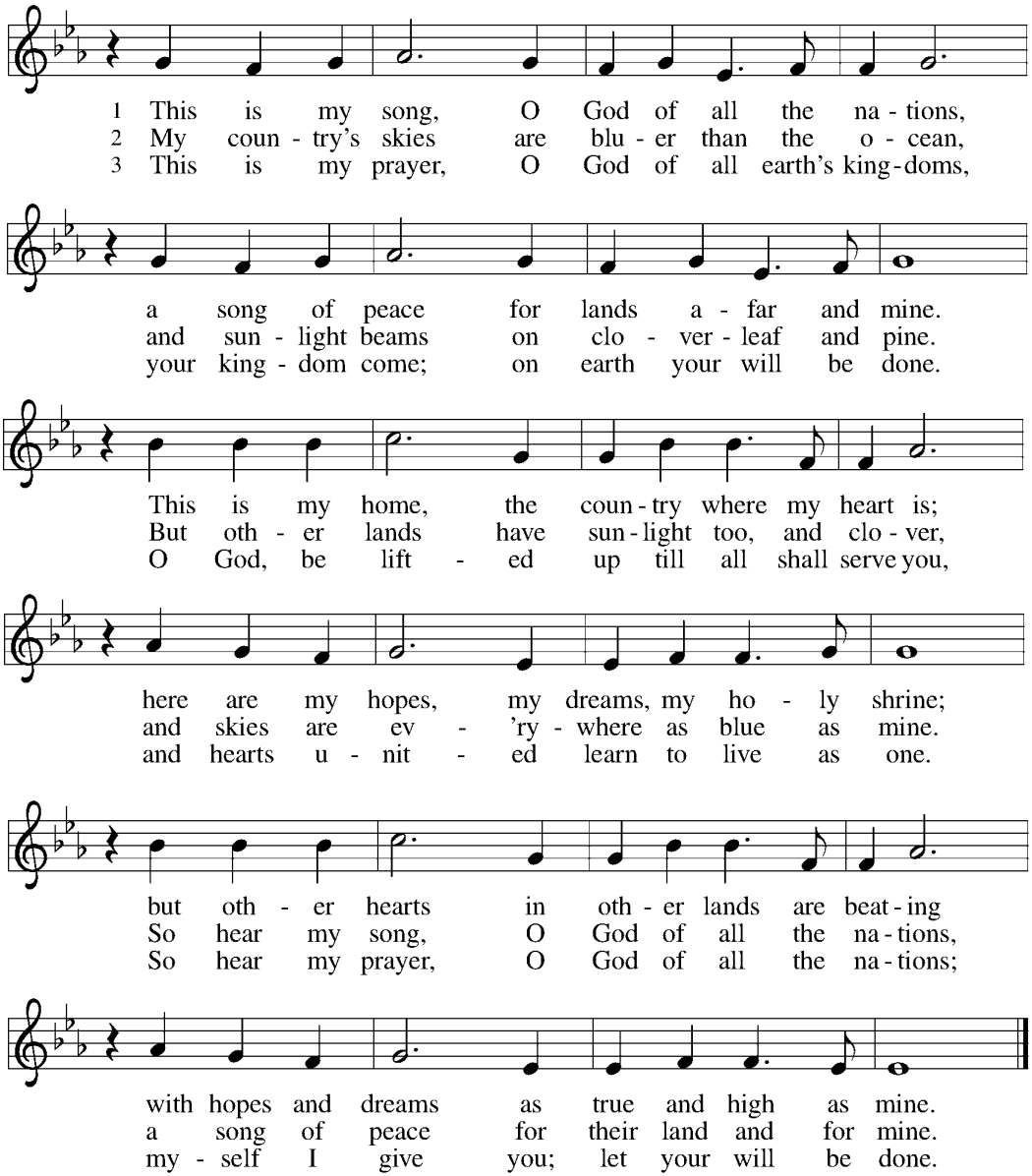
Let us bring every burden to God.

(a brief silence for reflection)

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ✠ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power,
strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN *"This is My Song"* ELW #887



+ Apostolic Greeting

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

+ Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ Word ✠

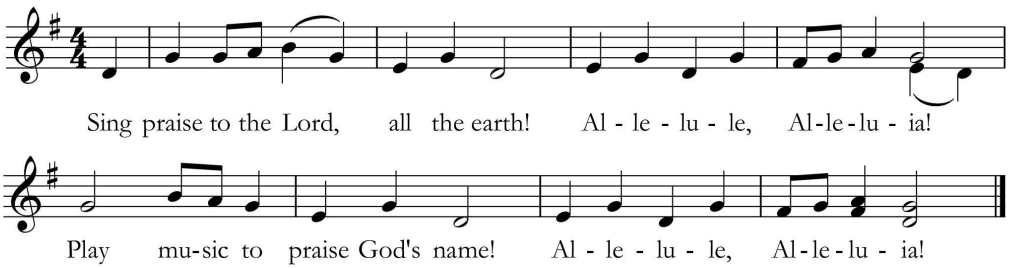
+ First Reading *Romans 7:15-25a*

A reading from Romans.

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing
I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no
longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that the good does not dwell
within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not
the ability. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.
20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.
21 So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.
22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another
law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in
my members. 24 Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?
25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

+ Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL *MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30*

The gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'
18 "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon';
19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard,
a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

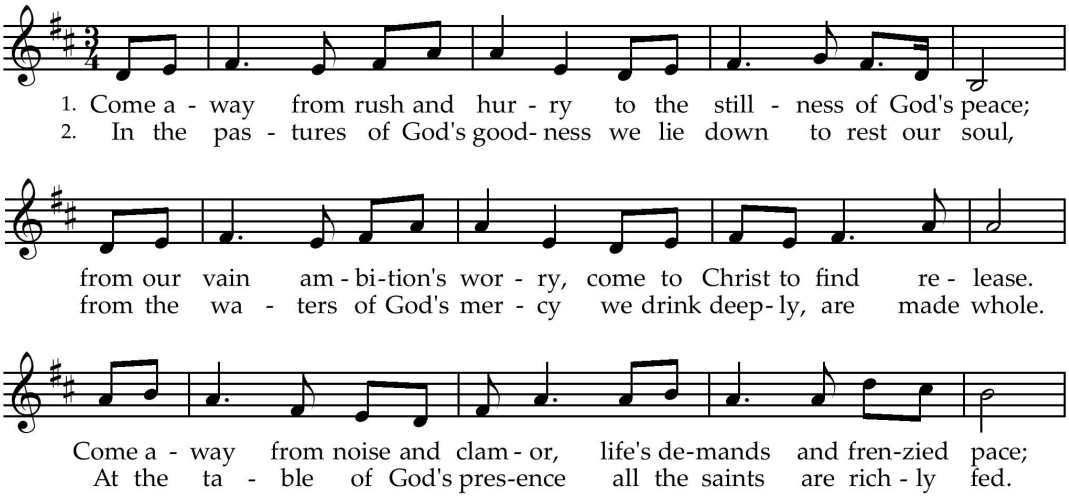
...

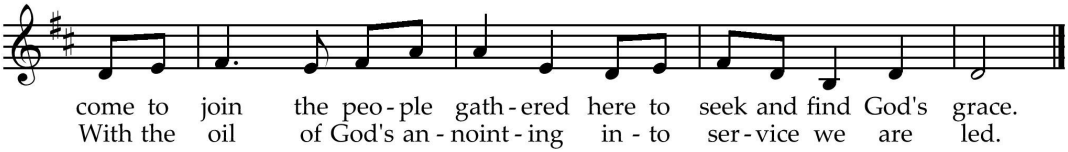
25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;
26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come Away From Rush and Hurry"* VT #9





+ 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ Sharing of the Peace

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

Offering

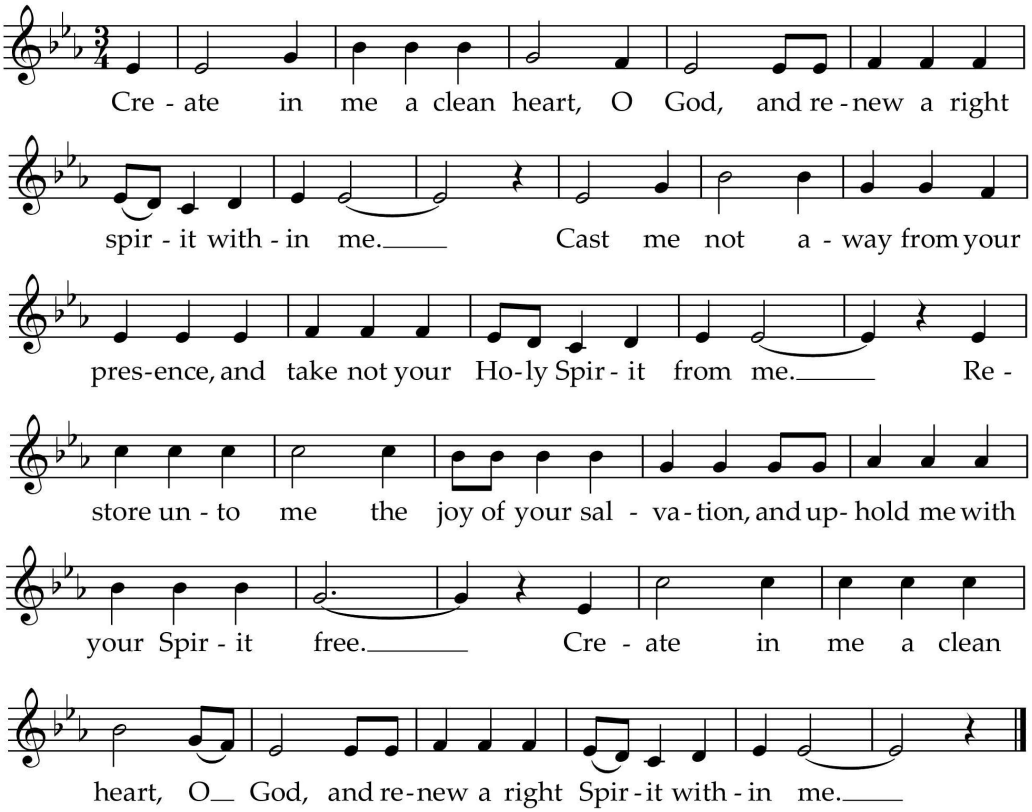
Guests

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 *"Restless"* Audrey Assad & Matt Maher; arr. M. Engel

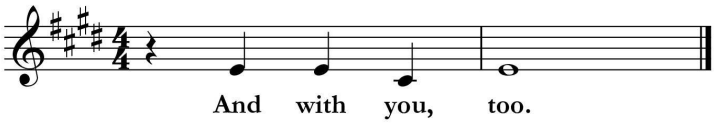
+ Offertory



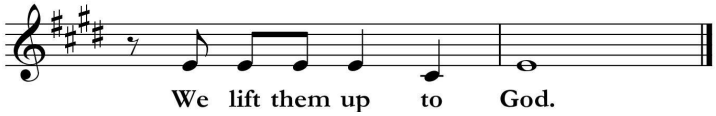
✠ Meal ✠

+ Great Thanksgiving

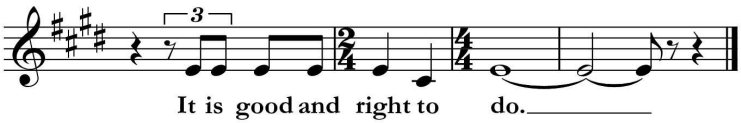
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Give thanks to the Lord.



+ Eucharistic Prayer

It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord,
Holy Father, Almighty, Ever-living God. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share
this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever. **Amen.**

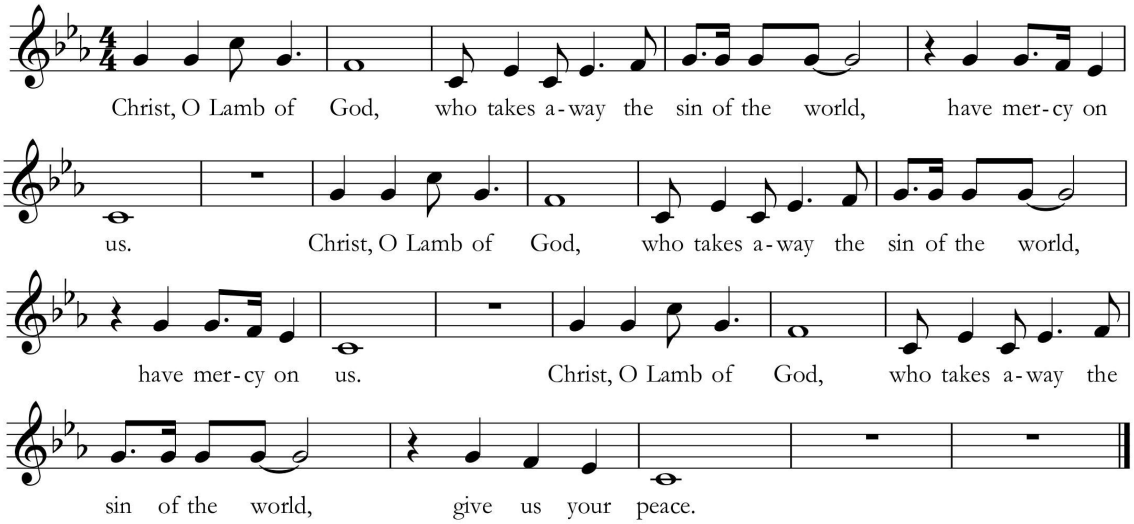
+ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.

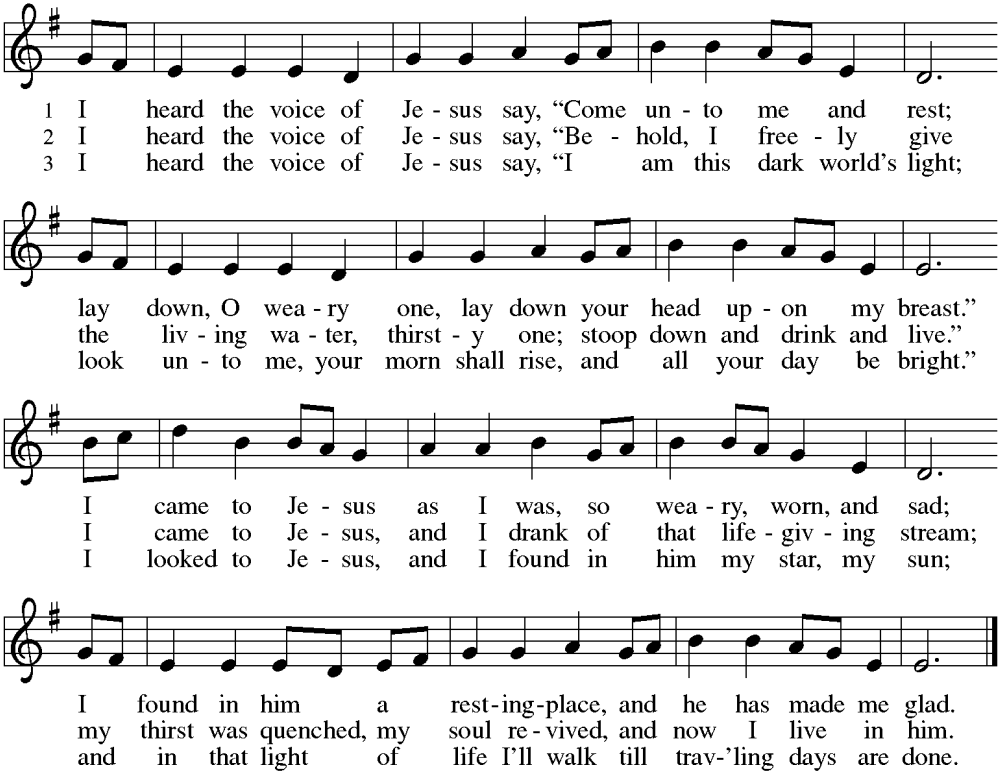
+ El Padre nuestro

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nos tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo;
el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos
a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

LAMB OF GOD



HOLY COMMUNION HYMN *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* ELW #611



+ Table Blessing

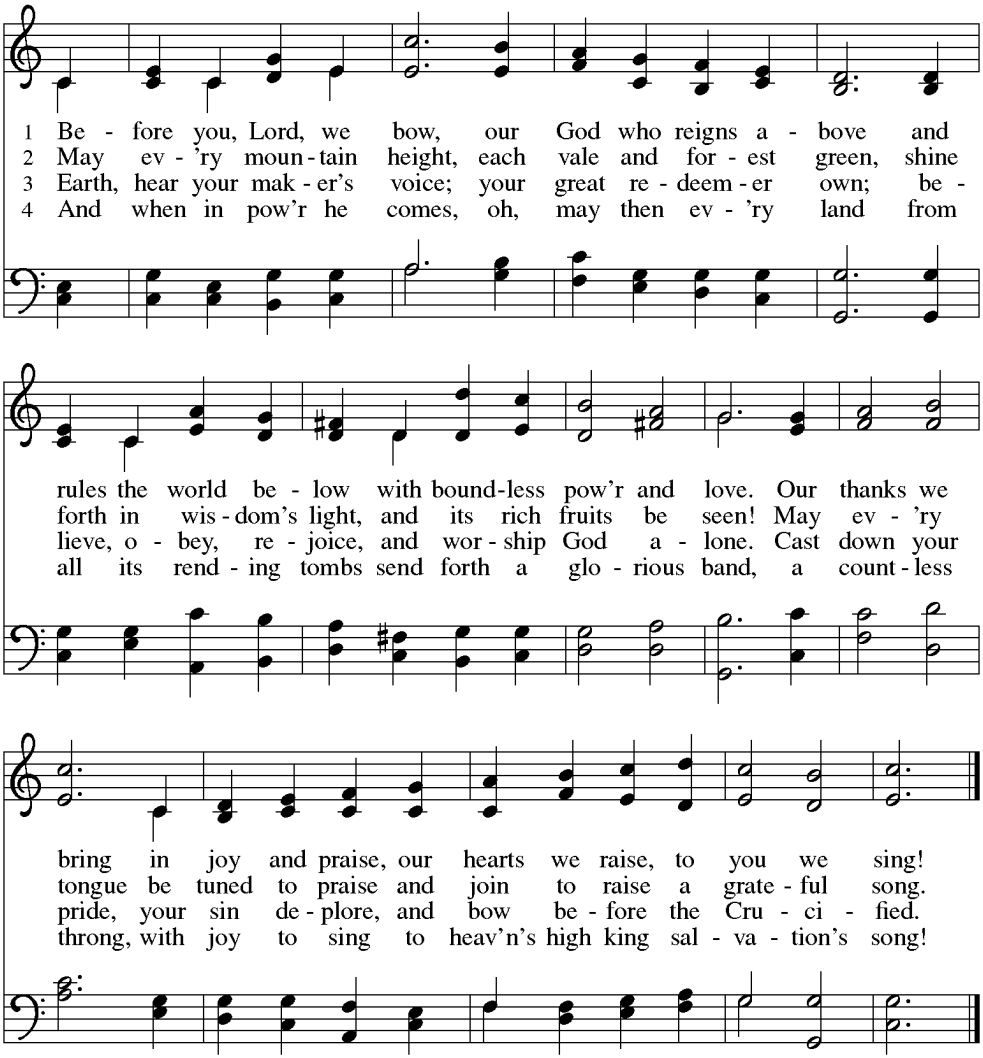
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

✠ Sending ✠

+ Benediction

The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth, ☩ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day. **Amen.**

+ Sending Hymn *"Before You, Lord, We Bow"* ELW #893



+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE (8:30) *"Toccata on 'Melita'"* arr. Wayne L. Wold
(10:30) *"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* arr. Brad Nix

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Inger Hanson
Assisting Minister: (8:30) Janice Lehmkuhl (10:30) Joanna McLees
Ushers: (8:30) Harley Foster, Barb Uhl, Duane Uhl
(10:30) Marv Farmer
Readers: (8:30) Wayne Kivell (10:30) Megan Pratola
Sacramental Ministers: (8:30) Phyllis Larson, Rose Turnacliff, Carol Cole, Jeanne Cloud, Phil Ruud, Clark Cary
(10:30) Barb Farmer, Scott Broughton
Altar Care: (set and clean) Rachel Coltvet, Winnie Johnson (cups) Jan Stahly

Rainbow Singers: Christina Schwietz, Krista Middlebrooks, Ellen Haefner, Joanna McLees, Catherine Engle, Megan Engel
Keyboards: Megan Engel
A/V Technicians: Sam Dwyer, Asher Engle, Nathan Broughton, Nathan Hoekstra

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We welcome you: your age, ability, and education;
your race, ethnicity, and citizenship;
your sexual orientation, gender identity and expression;
your relationship status and family structure.
Your uniqueness is valued.
Your questions and doubts have a home here.

Our work of welcome includes loving, forgiving, and serving one another;
advocating for those who are marginalized and oppressed;
striving for racial equity and economic justice;
and caring for the earth and all of God's creation.

We invite you to fully participate in the life of Bethel.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June 28	**in person attendance**
8:30	146
10:30	66
Total	212

NEXT SUNDAY…

The text of the day
will be **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**
with Isaiah 55:10-13 and Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13.
Pastor Inger will preach.

THIS WEEK—JULY 6—JULY 11

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—THURSDAY 9 AM - 3 PM

MONDAY

12:00 pm	**Bible Study @ the Vault** (1520 Clinton Lane)
5:00 pm	**Worship & Arts Action Team**

TUESDAY

9:45 am	**Staff Meeting**
1:00 pm	**Celebration of Life Reception for Beverly Fratzke**

WEDNESDAY

11:00 am	**Celebration of Life Service for Sandra L. Reiman** (10:00 am visitation, reception to follow)
5:00 pm	**Congregational Life**

THURSDAY

9:00 am	**Men of Bethel**
9:00 am	**FAB (Faith and Books)**
10:00 am	**Projects with Purpose**
5:45 pm	**Active Befriender Ministry Support**
7:00 pm	**Finance**
7:00 pm	**Bethel Vision Seekers** (L & M Grill, 224 Railway St. N., Dundas)

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