

*Welcome to  
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



*November 10, 2024*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*



## MISSION

To worship God, to learn and live the Word of God, to engage in Christian fellowship and service, to invite others to join us on our faith journey in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

## Welcome to Bethlehem!

**We are so glad that you are joining your voice with ours in worship today! Everyone, please sign our green friendship pads, found at the end of each pew.**

If you like, a comfortable space for families is available under the balcony.

God put the wiggle in children, and we welcome them in worship!

Children are also welcome to participate in Sunday school, if they prefer.

All are invited to stand, as you are able, for sections marked with a cross (†);

Congregational responses are in **bold text**.

## Prayer Requests

Fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. You may give it to one of the pastors before service or to an usher during the Hymn of Response.



## CHURCH LIFE

No Bethlehem members were known to be in the hospital as of Wednesday

### **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, 11/3/2024**

**Total: 98** (In Person: 72, YouTube: 23, Phone: 3)

**10:00 am Worship is available via Phone Streaming & Livestream**

(access from the Church website: <https://www.bethlehem-ucc.org>)

To join with Phone Stream, call 855-669-8965 prior to worship at 10:00 am.

You may sign up to be added to be called for Phone Stream by contacting the church office during regular business hours.



## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Down by the Riverside*

- American Traditional Song; arr. John Rutter

Bethlehem Chancel Choir;

Shaofeng Zheng, soloist; Jacob Warren, double bass; R.J. Lambert, drums

I'm goin' to lay down my heavy load, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

Refrain: I ain't gonna study war no more. I ain't gonna study war no more,  
I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,

I'm goin' to lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm goin' to put on my trav'lin' shoes, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm goin' to put on my long white robe, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm goin' to put on my starry crown, down by the riverside,  
down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**MUSICAL RESPONSE WHM #655 *Something Beautiful* (repeat once)**  
**Something beautiful, something good; all my confusion, you understood;**  
**All I had to offer you was brokenness and strife, but you made something**  
**beautiful of my life.**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**From the Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

One: The gospel of the Lord for the people of God!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE      *Don't worry, be happy*      Pastor Dawn

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION      NCH # 448      *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Joys & Concerns**

**Silent Prayer and Sung Petition**      *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying; Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Please use these words or those most familiar to you.

**Our God in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING

**Invitation to give**

**Offertory**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      - arr. Dale Wood  
Naki Kripfgans, organ

† Hymn of Thanksgiving NCH #785

We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.

† Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Benevolent God, we offer you these humble gifts – signs of your goodness and mercy. Receive them with our gratitude and our prayer that, through them and us, all people may know the abundance of your love. Amen.

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

† CLOSING HYMN NCH # 459 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

**WORDS OF SENDING**

**POSTLUDE** *Over the Rainbow* - arr. Tom Poster  
Jacob Warren, double bass; Naki Kripfgans, piano

**OUR TEAM:**

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Dawn Christenson

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Diane White

**Ministers:** All the people

**Director of Music & Organist:** Dr. Naki Sung Kripfgans

**Director of Handbells:** Jim Rowan

**Ensemble:** Bethlehem Handbell Choir

**Guest Musicians:** Jacob Warren & R.J. Lambert

**Liturgist:**

**Sound Technician:** Gary Rogers

**Videographer:** Dan Blakeney

**Streaming Technicians:** Oliver Kripfgans, Michelle Loukotka, Jennifer Vasquez

**Security Volunteer:** Pete Hendershot

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Alice and Ron Dechert

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