

*Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



June 29, 2025

Third Sunday of 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 the 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 FOR LAST SUNDAY

Total:59 (In Person: 38, YouTube: 18, Phone: 3)

Worship is available in the sanctuary, via Phone Streaming and Livestream to
access the Livestream go to our website: <https://www.bethlehem-ucc.org>. To join the
Phone Stream, call 855-669-8965 prior to the start of worship. You may sign up to be
called by the Phone Stream by contacting the church office during regular business hours.
(You will be called about 5 minutes before worship begins.)

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND SHARING CHURCH LIFE

CENTERING MUSIC

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Gale Kramer, organ

- Dan Miller

OPENING WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 16)

One: In your presence, O Lord, there is fullness of joy!

All: With you, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices!

One: You, O Lord, are my portion and my strength;

All: and my cup overflows!

† HYMN OF GATHERING

NCH # 21

God Reigns o'er All the Earth

† OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy One, you call us out in service and witness. Be our fiery pillar to guide us on our way. Grant us courage. Be our strength and shield. Lead us in the ways of Christ – full of understanding, mercy, and compassion. Empower us with your love to transform our lives and this world. In his name we pray. Amen

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* - arr. Virgil Thomson
Bailey Tallman, mezzo soprano; Gale Kramer, piano

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MUSICAL RESPONSE **NCH # 236** ***Hallelujah*** (sung twice)
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

From the Gospel: **Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20**

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE

Mission impossible?

Pastor Dawn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

NCH # 18

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & 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 power,
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

Rondeau

- Henry Purcell

Gale Kramer, organ

† Hymn of Thanksgiving NCH # 780 (lyrics #778) *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

† Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation! All good things come from you! We thank you and praise you for all that we have received from your generous hand! In gratitude for all your gifts, we offer ourselves and our possessions. Bless all that we offer, such that others may be blessed. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

NCH # 497

Guide My Feet

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

- Henry Purcell

Gale Kramer, organ

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

Guest Organist: Dr. Gale Kramer

Soloist: Bailey Tallman

Liturgist: Judy Coucouvanis

Sound Technician(s): Dennis Huibregtse

Videographer: Dan Blakeney

Streaming Technician(s): Michelle Loukotka

Security Volunteer: John Irwin

Coffee Hour: Please see [Signup Genius](#) for open date

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