

*Welcome to  
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



*July 13, 2025  
Fifth 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.



Happy Birthday to Bethlehem members, **Lois Hieber**, who turns 93 on  
July 15<sup>th</sup> and **Evelyn Mullreed**, who turns 94 on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



## CHURCH LIFE

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

## DEATHS

Bethlehem member and husband of Pastor Diane, **Ron White**, passed away on Tuesday,  
July 8th. Please keep Pastor Diane and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

## ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

**Total: 61** (In Person:43, YouTube:15, 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

*Lasst uns erfreuen*  
Naki Kripfgans, organ

- arr. Janet Linker

## OPENING WORSHIP

### † CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 25)

One: All the ways of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

### † HYMN OF GATHERING      NCH # 27    *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

### † OPENING PRAYER (unison)

**Gracious God, give us ears to hear your still-speaking-voice. Give us eyes to see you at work in our lives and our world. Give us hearts to feel your presence and love. And give us courage and strength to follow where you lead. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One:            The peace of Christ be with you!

**All:            And also with you!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**MESSAGE IN MUSIC** *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* - arr. Margaret Bonds  
Jessica Dold, soprano; Naki Kripfgans, 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 10:21-24**

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

**All:    Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## MESSAGE

*Vision*

Pastor Dawn

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN OF REFLECTION        NCH # 47 v.1-3    *O Christ Jesus, Sent from Heaven*

## 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 you 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**

*Be Thou My Vision*

- arr. Richard Walters

Jessica Dold, soprano; Naki Kripfgans, piano

† 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)

**Gracious God, wherever we look, from here, to next door, to a world away, we see the places and hear the cries where your creation groans. May the gifts of our time, talent and treasure be a faithful response to those cries. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE**

† **CLOSING HYMN**

**NCH # 49**

***Ask Me What Great Thing I Know***

**WORDS OF SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Rondo in G* - John Bull/arr. Richard Ellasasser  
Naki Kripfgans, 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

**Soloist:** Jessica Dold

**Liturgist:** Sue Buday

**Sound Technician(s):** Dennis Huibregtse

**Videographer:** Dan Blakeney

**Streaming Technician(s):** Oliver Kripfgans

**Security Volunteer:** Pete Hendershot

**Community Time:** Jim and Katie Rowan

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