

*Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



*July 20, 2025
Sixth 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.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are in loving memory of **Ron White** from his son's,
Ryan and Andrew and their families.



CHURCH LIFE

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

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

Total: 71 (In Person:52, YouTube:16, 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

I. Allegro moderato from Sonata for Trumpet and Organ - Henry Purcell
Ryo Morita, trumpet; Naki Kripfgans, organ

OPENING WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 52)

One: Trust in the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever.

All: We will proclaim God's holy name, for God is good and worthy of our praise!

† HYMN OF GATHERING NCH # 500 *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

† OPENING PRAYER (unison)

O God, our Guide, set your path clearly before us and lead us to follow you courageously and willingly. Light our way with your love so that we may be a reflection of you. 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 *Air* - J. S. Bach/arr. Dockery
Ryo Morita, trumpet; Naki Kripfgans, organ

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Diana Slaughter

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

From the Letters: **Ephesians 4:23-5:2**

From the Gospel: **Mark 3:1-6**

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE

Your Anger Has a Holy Purpose

Rev. Dawn Swartz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† HYMN OF REFLECTION

NCH # 503

O Savior, Let Me Walk with You

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys & Concerns

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

One: Freely we have received; freely let us give with joyful hearts.

Offertory

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Naki Kripfgans, organ

- arr. Diane Bish

† 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 # 507 v.1-3 *Jesus – The Very Thought to Me*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

III. Allegro vivace from Sonata for Trumpet and Organ - Henry Purcell
Ryo Morita, trumpet; Naki Kripfgans, organ

OUR TEAM:

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dawn Christenson

Associate Pastor: Rev. Diane White

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dawn Swartz

Ministers: All the people

Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Naki Sung Kripfgans

Director of Handbells: Jim Rowan

Soloist: Ryo Morita

Liturgist: Steve Schwartz

Sound Technician: Gary Rogers

Videographer: Dan Blakeney

Streaming Technician: Oliver Kripfgans

Security Volunteer: Pete Hendershot

Community Time Host: Nan Lefton

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