

*Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*

One of These Is
Not Like the Others



*May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter*



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, **Lucy Bausch** who turns 90 on
May 10th and **John Goetz**, who turns 95 on May 15th.



CHURCH LIFE

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

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST SUNDAY

Total:77 (In Person:60, YouTube:14, 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

CENTERING MUSIC

Priere à Notre Dame

- Leon Boëllmann

Cary Dumas, organ

OPENING WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 1)

One: Blessed are those who delight and walk in the ways of the Lord!

All: They are like trees planted by streams of living water!

† OPENING HYMN

NCH # 1 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

† OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Holy One, we have never actually seen your face, yet we believe. We have seen the tangible evidence of your goodness and love in our lives. And we thank you and praise you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Strengthen our faith, we pray. Empower us, by your Spirit, to make your goodness and love tangible for others in all we say and do. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

You Raise Me Up

- Breandan Graham & Rolf Løvland/arr. Emerson

Jimmy Tang, tenor; Cary Dumas, piano

When I am down, and, oh, my soul so weary.
When troubles come and my heart burdened be.
Then I am still and wait here in the silence
Until You come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.
You raise me up to more than I can be.

There is no life, no life without its hunger.
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly.
But when you come and I am filled with wonder,
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MUSICAL RESPONSE **NCH # 236 *Halleluja*** sung twice
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halleluja, halleluja.

SCRIPTURE READING

From the Letters: **Acts 17:16-37**

Leader: May God bless the reading, hearing and understanding of this holy word.

All: Amen.

MESSAGE *One of these things is not like the others. . .* Pastor Dawn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN OF REFLECTION** **NCH # 11 v.1-3 & 6** ***Bring Many Names***

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 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 *Chorale Prelude on "Draw Us to Thee"* - Johann Gottfried Walther
Cary Dumas, organ

† Hymn of Thanksgiving NCH # 780 *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)

Loving God, you have given us so much. What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours, it would not be enough. Yet, what little we have we humbly offer to you. May all that we have to offer in time, talent and treasure proclaim your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

† **CLOSING HYMN**

NCH # 8 *Praise to the Living God*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Postlude
Cary Dumas, organ

- Douglas E. Wagner

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: Cary Dumas

Soloist: Jimmy Tang

Liturgist: Steve Schwartz

Sound Technician: Dennis Huibregtse

Videographer: Dan Blakeney

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