

*Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



*May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday*



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:60 (In Person:40, YouTube:17, 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

Herr Gott, nun schließ den Himmel auf (Lord God, Now Unlock Heaven), BWV 617

- J. S. Bach

Cary Dumas, organ

OPENING WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Masterful Creator, who created us in love,

All: create us afresh and anew with your abundant love.

One: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

All: reclaim and restore our hearts with your redemptive love.

One: O Holy Spirit, who moves in the world with holy mystery and love,

All: move within us to embody God's love in our daily lives.

† OPENING HYMN

NCH # 277

Holy, Holy, Holy

† OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Blessed are you, O God – our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Your glorious being is beyond our comprehension. Your mercy is greater than our sinfulness. Your love is immeasurable. Your wisdom is beyond human intellect. Your faithfulness is deeper than the deepest ocean, taller than the highest mountain, and broader than the universe. All glory, honor, thanks and praise to you, O God, now and forevermore! Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC "Quia respexit" from *Magnificat*, BWV 243 - J. S. Bach
Teddy Borsodi, soprano; Cary Dumas, organ

Quia respexit humilitatem
ancillae suae, ecce enim ex hoc
beatam me dicent omnes
generationes.

For he has regarded the lowliness of
his maidservant; for behold, from
henceforth all generations will call me
blessed

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 Torah: **Genesis 1:1-27b**

From the Gospel: **Matthew 28:16-20**

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

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

MESSAGE

Creative love

Pastor Dawn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN OF REFLECTION** **NCH # 278** ***Creator God, Creating Still***

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.**

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: Teddy Borsodi

Liturgist: Teresa Beagle

Sound Technician: Dennis Huibregtse

Videographer: Dan Blakeney

Streaming Technician: Michelle Loukotka

Security Volunteer: John Irwin

Community Time Host: Please see [Signup Genius](#) for open dates

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