

*Welcome to
Bethlehem United Church of Christ*



*June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after 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: 81 (In Person: 63, 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.)

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME AND SHARING CHURCH LIFE

CENTERING MUSIC *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* - William L. Dawson
Bailey Tallman, mezzo-soprano; Cary Dumas, piano

OPENING WORSHIP

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us sing and shout for joy to the Lord, the Rock of our salvation!

All: With word and song, let us offer praise and thanksgiving to the Lord!

† OPENING HYMN

NCH # 527

We Offer Christ

† OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, you have given us eyes to see the light that fills this space, and given us inward vision to behold you in this sacred space. Remind us that you are with us always – there to guide, strengthen and uphold. By your Spirit, make us fearless disciples of Jesus, so that everyone we meet will know your love that we embody through acts of service, kindness and justice. In his name we pray. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

His Eyes Is on the Sparrow

- Clark H. Gabriel

Bailey Tallman, mezzo-soprano; Cary Dumas, piano

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 Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:28

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

All: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Mission Impossible?

Pastor Dawn

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† **HYMN OF REFLECTION** **NCH # 536 *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed***

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

Warum sollt ich mich denn grämen (Why Should I Grieve)?- J. G. 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)

Benevolent God, all good gifts come from you. You have given us love, life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts with grateful hearts. Bless all that we offer, so that others may be blessed too. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

† CLOSING HYMN

NCH # 522

I Love to Tell the Story

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BuxWV 149 - Dietrich Buxtehude
Cary Dumas, 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: Cary Dumas

Soloist: Bailey Tallman

Liturgist: Judy Coucouvanis

Sound Technician: Gary Rogers

Videographer: Dan Blakeney

Streaming Technician: Jennifer Vasquez

Security Volunteer: Ron Dechert

Community Time Host: Jacquie Katz

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