

**Bethel United Church of Christ
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 12, 2021**

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PRELUDE

“Ballet” by Michael Pratorius

Bethel Recorders

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

One: “The law of the LORD is perfect,

All: reviving the soul;

One: the decrees of the LORD are sure,

All: making wise the simple;

One: the precepts of the LORD are right,

All: rejoicing the heart;

One: the commandment of the LORD is clear,

All: enlightening the eyes.”

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

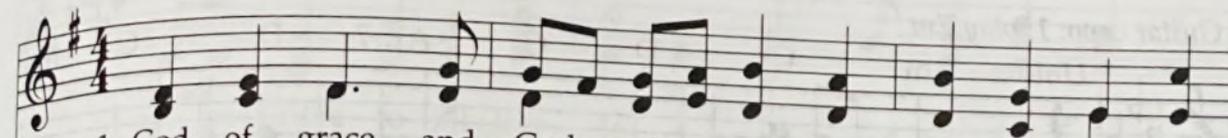
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Glorious God, your teachings are more to be desired than fine gold and precious silver; your blessings are more to be sought than all the jewels of the earth. May the gifts we bring before you today share your blessings with those in need. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.

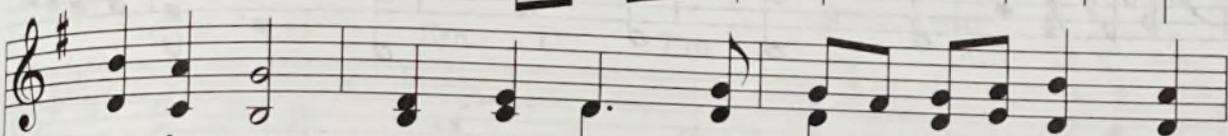
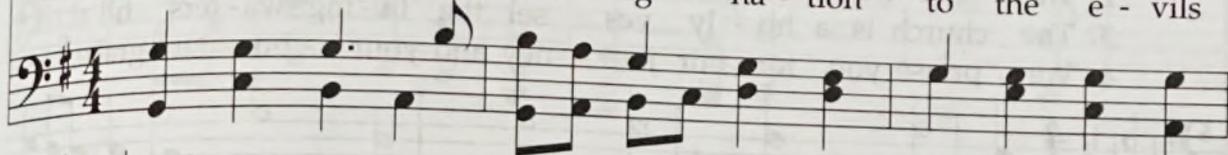
OPENING HYMN #464 *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

God of Grace and God of Glory

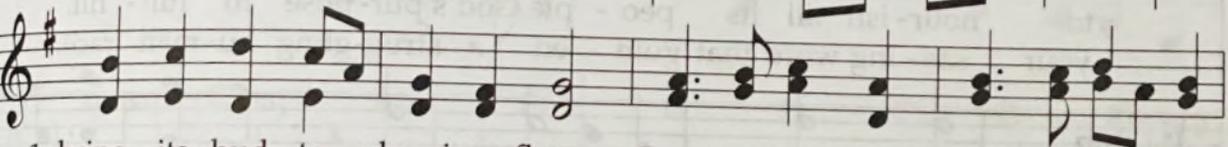
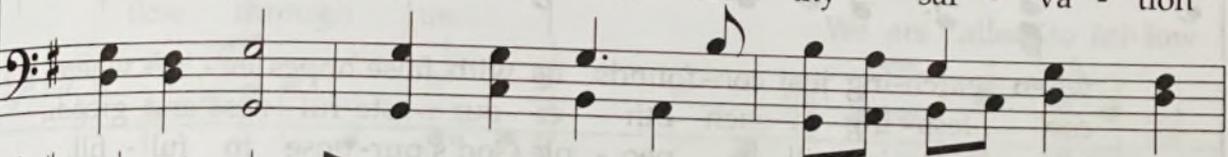
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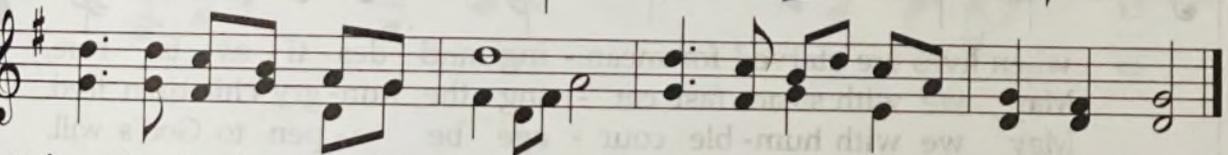
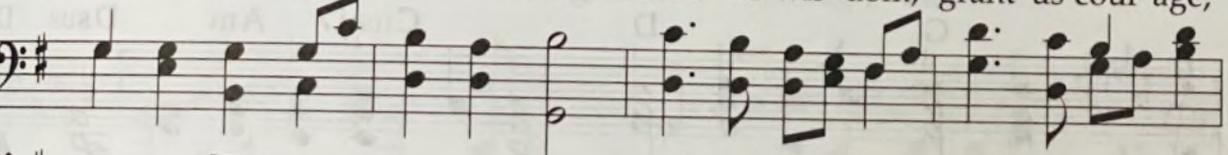
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; fill our lives that
 5. Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



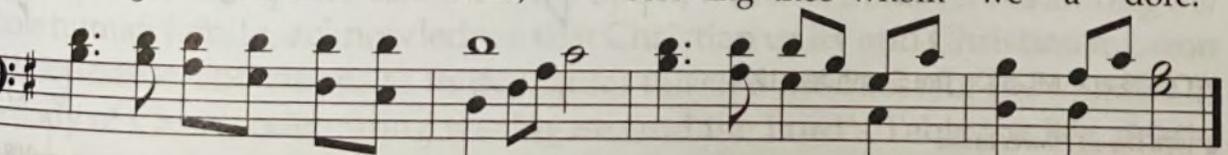
1. pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 2. sail thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us,
 3. thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 4. we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like gra - ces
 5. we de - plore; let the search for thy sal - va - tion



1. bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 2. free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 3. rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 4. pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 5. be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



1. for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 2. for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 3. lest we miss thy righ - teous goal, lest we miss thy righ - teous goal.
 4. lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.
 5. serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



OUR SACRED TEXT

Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

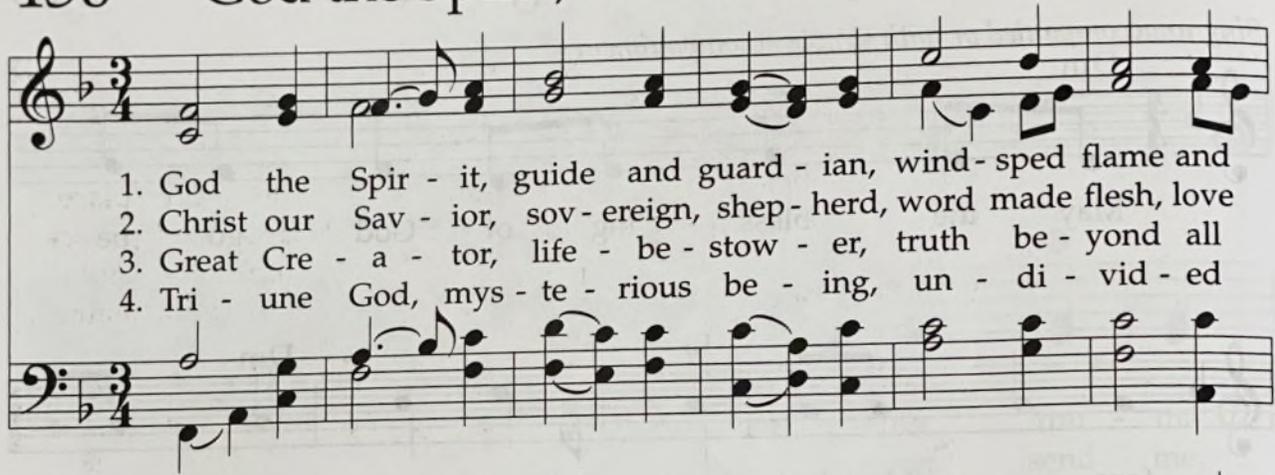
Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

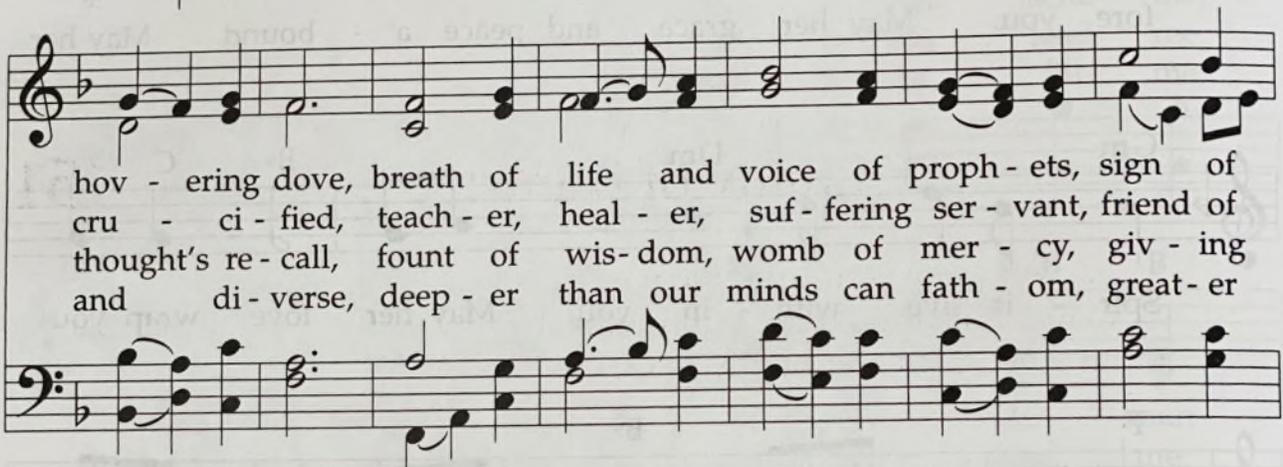
Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

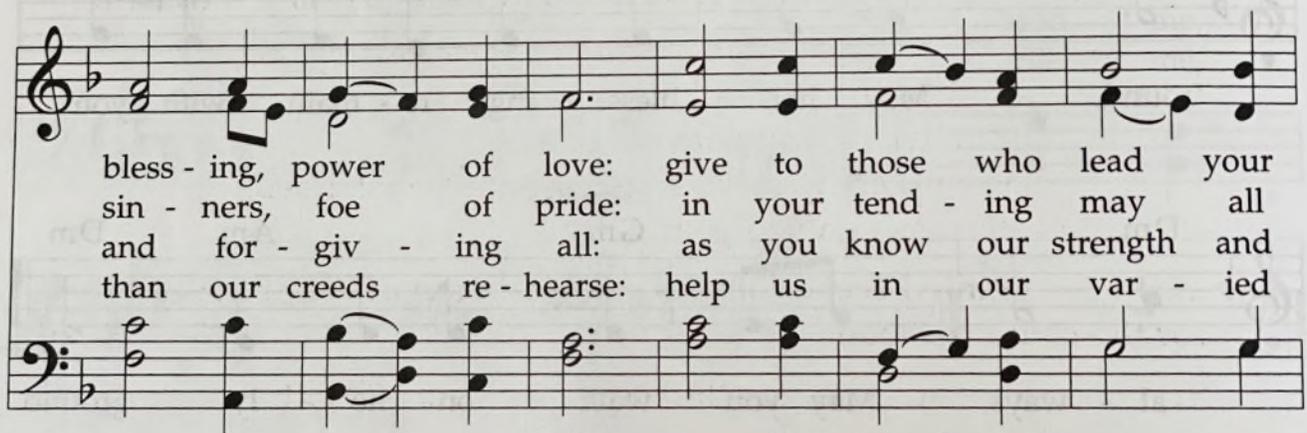
God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian



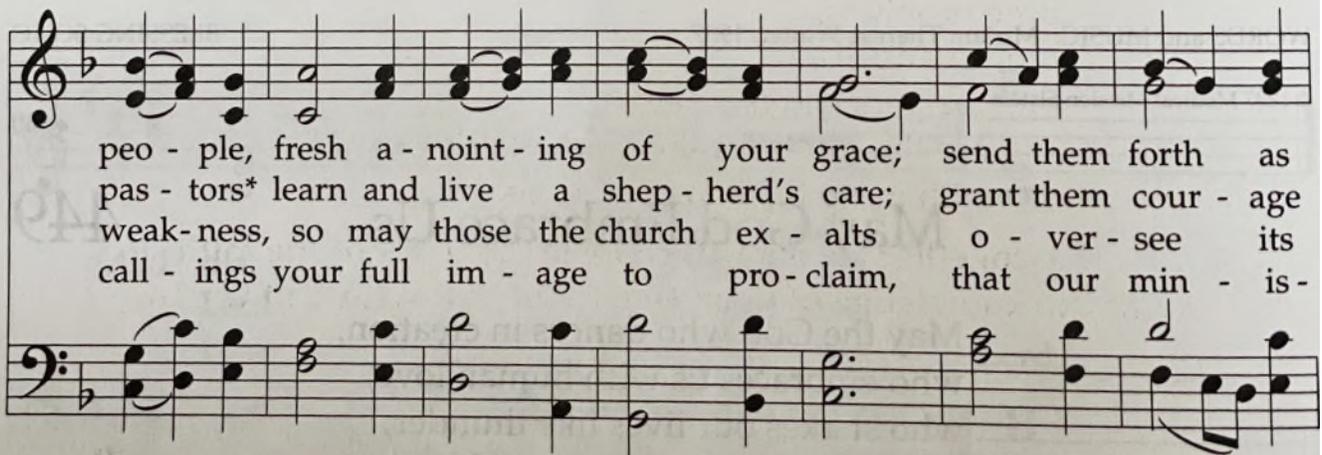
1. God the Spir - it, guide and guard - ian, wind - sped flame and
 2. Christ our Sav - ior, sov - er - eign, shep - herd, word made flesh, love
 3. Great Cre - a - tor, life - be - stow - er, truth be - yond all
 4. Tri - une God, mys - te - rious be - ing, un - di - vid - ed



hov - ering dove, breath of life and voice of proph - ets, sign of
 cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er, suf - fer - ing ser - vant, friend of
 thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom, womb of mer - cy, giv - ing
 and di - verse, deep - er than our minds can fath - om, great - er



bles - ing, power of love: give to those who lead your
 sin - ners, foe of pride: in your tend - ing may all
 and for - giv - ing all: as you know our strength and
 than our creeds re - hearse: help us in our var - ied



peo - ple, fresh a - noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as
 pas - tors* learn and live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age
 weak - ness, so may those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its
 call - ings your full im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER (forgive us our sins...)

RESPONSE#304

"Into My Heart"

304 Into My Heart

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Into My Heart'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In - to my heart, in - to my heart, come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus; come in to - day, come in to stay, come in - to my heart, Lord Je - sus.'

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation
Offertory
Response

"Come Thou Fount"

arr. John Wyeth

Bethel Recorders

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above the heavenly host
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

CLOSING HYMN#484

"We've a Story to Tell the Nations"

484 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions that shall turn their
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions that shall lift their
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of

hearts to the right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a
 hearts to the Lord; a song that shall con - quer e - vil and
 reign - eth a - bove hath sent us the Son to save us, and
 sor - row has trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might

sto - ry of peace and light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 shat - ter the spear and sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.
 come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day bright,

and Christ's great king - dom shall come on earth, the king - dom of love and light.

COMMISSION/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"I Want to Teach the World to Sing"

Bethel UCceleles

PRAYER LIST UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Hospitalized: **Joe Germer**, Northland Rehabilitation and Health Care at 4301 NE Parvin Rd, 64117, where he'll be till he gets some strength back. Cards and visits would be great. Need to call and make an appt and they'll bring him to the lobby area for one hour. He is asking for prayers.

Prayers: **Alice Terrill; Kathy & Fulvio Hayes'** friend, Janna Portfield; **Pat Armstrong's** friends, Donna Thornton & Sandy Price; **Linda Jackson; Jim Derry**, assisted living Linden Woods Village; **Lauri Buck's** brother, Paul Wobus and April Gibbs; **Gerry McGuire; Jane Bohlmeier;** the Hershman family, relatives of **AnnaLee Kaap; Bob Atkinson's** brother, David; **Cathy Leslie; Gerry Hendrix's** friend Janice Mathew; **Debbie Robinett's** daughter, Michelle Proudfit-Glunt; **Gerry Hendrix's** sister Donna Cobb; **Jim Burr; Bobbi Wendle; Marilyn Helmich's** brother & sister-in-law, Don & Margie Havener & daughter, Carolyn McNeal; Nancy Niederhauser, **Stan Niederhauser's** mother; Jean Andrews & Charlene Schillie, friends of Adele Jones; **Lauri Buck's** friend John & Shelly Boone; **Randy Pace's** friends, Marvin Jackson ; Bonnie & Bill Kuhn, friends of **Mary Fleener;** Caleb Shonkwiler, **Jamie Elder's** grandson; **Jamie Elder; Marty Pace's** sister & brother-in-law, Michelle & Dan Schadt; **Vicki Thompson's** brother working at NKC Hospital and all health care providers; **Alice & Jim Inman; Vern Bohlmeier; Gerry McGuire; Doug Berka; Kathy Corn's** friend, Judy Lighthouse; Crittenton Center staff and residents, prayers for all medical staff and first responders; **Mollie Geitz; Jeanene Easley;** Karen Lind-Olson, sister of **Doug Berka;** Pat Conrad, **Shellie Willis'** cousin; Aiden Liesveld, neighbor of **Bob & Lauri Buck;** **Jody Meyer's** niece Delores Starr and great niece, Diane Shoemaker. Please keep us informed of any additions or corrections to the Prayer List.

GRIEF RETREAT “FREE” – Saturday, September 18th - 9 – Noon. Kathy Corn is hosting a Free Grief Retreat at Bethel September 18th in the North Room for women and friends. Call Kathy at 816-436-0662 to reserve a spot for you and a friend.

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS

A delightful selection of children's books has been donated to Bethel! Choose what you like to keep or to share. See the table in the Narthex!

LUNCH WITH PASTOR JUDY

Pastor Judy is available to meet with whomever wants to between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Bring your own and come join the conversation!

BACKPACK SHEPHERDS NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

They need anything canned, especially green beans, corn, tomatoes, things kids like

Saturday—October 9 CROP Walk will be in person this year. Jan Rickert is our coordinator. If interested in walking contact Jan by email at jkrickert56@gmail.com.

Saturday October 23 Noon—5 pm—Not So Young Adults to Faulkner's Ranch Pumpkin Patch. It's a great time for family fun. Contact Jeremy if you have questions. For more information on the Pumpkin Patch see <https://faulknersranch.com/>

Saturday—October 23 10 am—3 pm Western Association Business meeting. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Kim Heft and Marty Pace will serve as delegates.

Every Day: Link for UCC Daily Devotional: dailydevotional@ucc.org