



# Bethlehem

## United Methodist Church

JUNE 13, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### GATHERING AND PRAISE

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#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (UMH #154)*

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
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#### OPENING PRAYER

God of Earth and sky, of rest and waking, we give thanks for your goodness. With our eyes, we see your love for beauty. With our ears we hear your love of music. With our hearts we know your love for people. God of earth and sky, of bread and roses, give us eyes to behold your creation and hands to revere each part, give us ears tuned to tears and laughter, and give us a clean heart to act kindly and speak justly. Through Christ, renew us and our world. Amen

#### HYMN

*"Hymn of Promise" (UMH #707)*

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until it's season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

#### MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

#### CALL TO PRAYER

*"Open Our Eyes" (TFWS #2086)*

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

#### MORNING PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

Don Phillips

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

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SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (CEB)

So we are always confident, because we know that while we are living in the body, we are away from our home with the Lord. 7 We live by faith and not by sight. 8 We are confident, and we would prefer to leave the body and to be at home with the Lord. 9 So our goal is to be acceptable to him, whether we are at home or away from home. 10 We all must appear before Christ in court so that each person can be paid back for the things that were done while in the body, whether they were good or bad.

14 The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. 15 He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised. 16 So then, from this point on we won’t recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn’t how we know him now. 17 So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

SPECIAL MUSIC

*“I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry” (TFWS #2051)*

SERMON

*“Live By Faith”*

David Lord

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## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

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HYMN

*“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (UMH #383)*

**This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,  
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that’s gone.**

**For by the life and death of Jesus, God’s mighty Spirit, now as then,  
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.**

**Then let us, with the Spirit’s daring, step from the past and leave behind  
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.**

**Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.  
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.**

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## SENDING FORTH

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BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

*“Sanctuary” (TFWS #2164)*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**