

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

Welcome to Bethel! We're glad you're here!

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All Are Welcome

We mean it when we say "all are welcome" – no matter where you are on your faith journey or how you identify. Your presence is important to us – we are not complete without you. Our Worship & Music team is continually listening and adapting our worship practices to reflect our desire to welcome ALL of GOD's children.

Hospitality Details

We firmly believe that there is no age limit in GOD's house. Young or old, you are an essential part of our worship community. Families with young children are encouraged to sit near the front of the sanctuary so children can see what is happening. If a young child gets antsy during long periods of inaction like the sermon, they are welcome to quietly play in front of the sound table near the door.

Those participating in worship who find standing for long periods of time difficult are encouraged to take care of themselves and adapt the "Lutheran Aerobics" of frequent standing and sitting to meet their needs. Traditions of standing at certain times during the liturgy are not meant to cause pain or discomfort. Please sit or stand in ways that make your time with us comfortable.

If you need a restroom, you have options:

In the main building, one is located through the side door near the piano. It can also be accessed by going outside through the main door and re-entering the building using the door located under the bell tower. The restroom is to your left.

A larger, wheelchair accessible restroom with a baby changing table, is located in our back building. Go through the iron gate to the left of the sanctuary. As you enter the back building the restroom is immediately to your left. Feel free to ask the usher for directions as well.



(following worship)

Our two "Lisas" will have the kids in Lentz Hall for Bible Stories and crafts. This will be our last session for the school year. Watch the bulletin for announcements of some summer activities for our Little Lutherans.

Pastor Carolyn will meet with the adults in her office AND via Zoom. They will be using the book, *The Forty Parables of Jesus*, by Gehard Lohfink.

The Zoom link will be open at 10:25, and the conversation will begin at 10:30.

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637655924?pwd=eTJ6OVIEMV ZDcG530G1KdW5hV2E1dz09

> Meeting ID: 896 3765 5924 Passcode: 295449

Prayer Requests

Yellow paper is available as you enter for you to write prayer requests on. Return the paper to an usher no later than during the Hymn of the Day. The reader will include it during the Prayers of the People.
It is our hope that this will help all those worshipping in the sanctuary and on online to hear the prayers.

Contact Pastor Carolyn

Contact Pr. Carolyn first to double-check her office hours. She is available Tuesday – Thursday most weeks.

> pastor@bethelroseville.org 916-781-3333 (office)

Introduction to the day: Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the diverse people of God.

OPENING SONG/PRELUDE *River of Life* ©Mac Powell (sung by Wing & A Prayer only)

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Please turn and face the altar for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING SONG



GREETING (ELW p. 138)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

Kent Alleluia Liturgy

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21 (Jeri Wartena)

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
 - and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
- and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.
- ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
- ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
 - blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
- ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
 - before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
- ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Jeri Wartena)

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
$^{\scriptscriptstyle 25}$ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.
²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
²⁷ All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.
³¹ May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.
³³ I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
³⁴ May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
^{35b} Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27 (Jeri Wartena)

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

KIDS' MESSAGE (Lisa Herlocker)

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Helper" and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON (Pr. Carolyn Brodt)

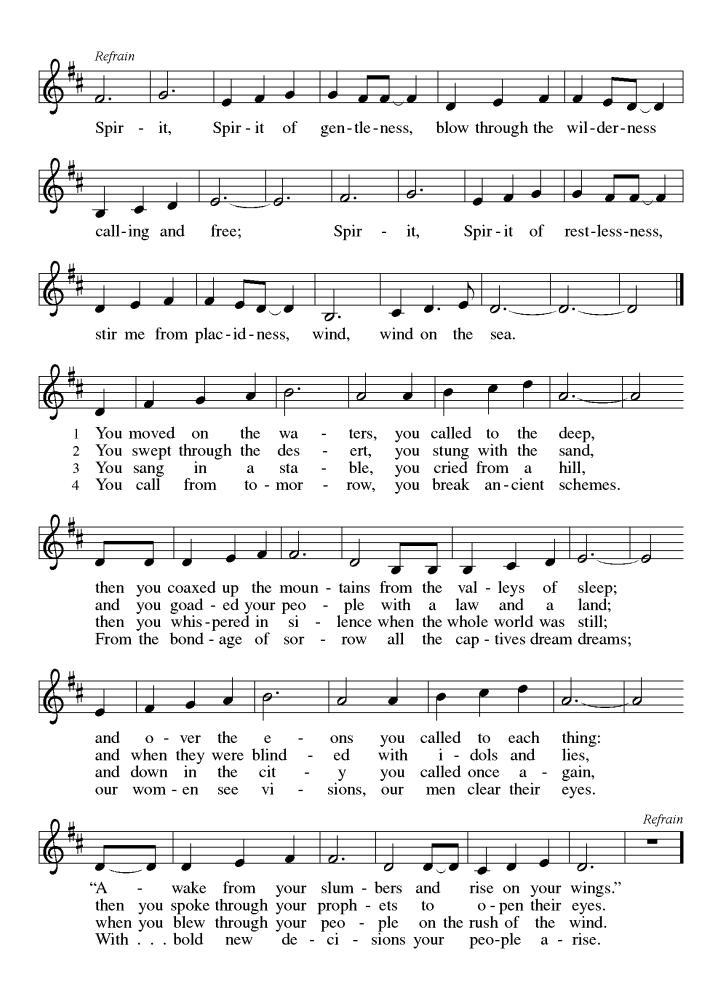
The congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Music and lyrics on following page



CREED (ELW p. 104)

Let us join with Christians throughout the world this Day of Pentecost and confess our shared faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Jeri Wartena)

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For those in immediate harm as war wages around them in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and throughout the world. Grant a spirit of compromise and compassion to political leaders. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan & lead worship, for readers, ushers, and tech helpers, for all who prepare our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Additional prayer requests provided by congregation members will be added here by reader.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE (ELW p. 143)

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

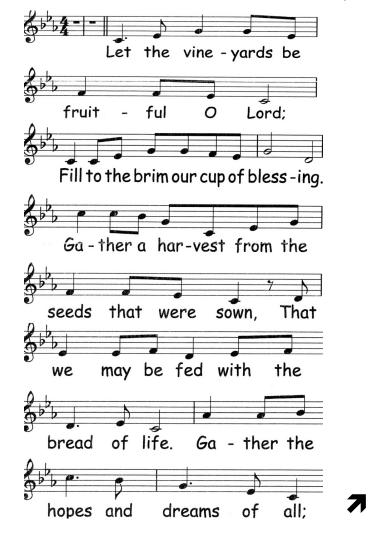
We acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God and in gratefulness we return to God a portion of the time, finances, and gifts that God has given us.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

As offerings are brought to altar, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit for the song

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful





OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Breath of life and Fire of love: with a mighty wind you brought creation into being, and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom. We praise you for the gift of your Son, who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit, we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth. Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal: anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love, that, with thankful hearts, we may be witnesses to your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 145)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

> All are welcome to join our communion celebration. Please have a seat and follow the directions of pastor Carolyn and the usher.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please rise in body and/or spirit for the Blessing.

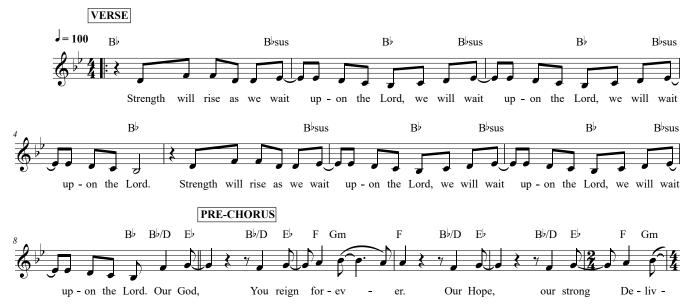
BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope \pm bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Everlasting God



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Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (ELW p. 146)

After **brief** announcements related to the ministry of Bethel are shared from the podium microphone, the congregation is invited to rise in body and/or spirit and turn to face the font.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



To meet our 2024 Operating Expenses each month, Bethel needs \$9995. Your generosity helps us to meet our ministry goals.

Giving in May

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TOTAL for April = \$4,730.12

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Upcoming Scripture Readings

Holy Trinity Sunday

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

Today's Worship Team

Usher: Jeri Wartena Reader: Jeri Wartena Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Pr. Allen Dunn Musician: Wing and a Prayer

Next Week's Worship Team

Usher: Terri Larson Reader: Barbara Morris Sound: Rick Mendonsa Zoom: Jeff Dodge/Scott Larson Altar Guild: Loraine Anderson Kids Message: Pr. Carolyn Brodt Musician: TBD



May 11 – Tom Selke May 24 – Cindi Roxworthy May 25 – Colton Peckham May 26 – Eileen Huhtala May 26 – Natalie Back

Blessings to all of our May Birthdays; please let us know if we accidently left you off this list!



All Ministry Team leaders need to email their annual report to Lisa Herlocker **by next Sunday, May 26**th.

Reports will be in the 2023-24 Annual Report that will be handed out at the **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 2nd.**



A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make yesterday's participation in Placer Pride a success! Beyond the many of you who showed up yesterday to represent Bethel and make folks feel welcome, we want to give a special shout out to the team that worked hard over the past several months to organize all of the details needed to create a great experience at our booths. Thank you so much to Kary Pfennig and her hard-working team of Chiara Bellisario, Rochelle Brace, Barbara Morris, and Jessica Back for all their organizing efforts. We'd also like to thank the Lutheran **Development Society of Sacramento for** their generous grant to help cover some of the costs of our participation and those who donated items for our raffle.

Called to Work for Justice

Through Baptism, we are called to be agents of peace and justice in this world. The work of the ELCA in our time includes that of being a Publicly Engaged Church.

In California, this is done through involvement with the Lutheran Office of Public Policy (LOPP-CA) which hosts live advocacy briefings on Wednesdays at noon. During the half-hour Zoom meeting, listeners get an update on state and federal legislative priorities and direct a quick advocacy activity. Follow this link: https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/advocacy-infoquestions to check out Advocacy, Info, and Questions.



Undergarment Drive

Throughout the month of May, we will be collecting new bras and panties for the women living at the St. John's Program for Real Change Shelter in Sacramento.

It's suggested that we focus on "unstructured" bras like sports bras and that for all items we lean toward larger sizes. Just bring donates to our collection basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks!



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering Special In-Kind Offering

You are invited to help create 3,000 Disaster Relief Kits filled with the items New Orleanians need to get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. In the aftermath of a storm residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers.

Gathering participants will build and distribute relief kits across the city, focusing on the areas with limited resources with our partners at the Louisiana Just Recovery Network.

Region 2 – that's us – is asked to purchase Personal Fans (AA Battery powered, but not the actual batteries) using this Amazon Wishlist link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF2T7 600FHIN?ref_=wl_share

Welcome to Bethel Lutheran Church

Following the example set by Jesus Christ and being mindful of our Lutheran heritage of acceptance through God's grace, we welcome all to God's table. We invite all who are seeking God's love and grace to join us in worship and fellowship. We welcome all because God welcomes all, knowing that God's love is all-inclusive and stronger than any pressure to conform to the labels this world gives us.

We commit to providing a safe and welcoming place for people of any age, ethnic or national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or relationship status. We welcome and love all no matter their socio-economic circumstances, outward appearance, immigration status, political affiliation, or anything that could seemingly divide us. The nature and extent of one's addictions, physical and mental health, or criminal history have no bearing on our commitment to welcome all.

We affirm today, tomorrow, and for all of our days, that we will intentionally strive to live as people of faith, people of compassion, people of love, and people of grace. We invite you to come as you are to Meet, Pray, & Love together.

In this joyful Easter Season, we celebrate the risen Christ, gather in Christ's name and gain strength to go forth in our daily lives, proclaiming with our words and deeds that we have seen the Lord.

The Lord is risen! Let us rejoice and be glad!

No matter where you are on your faith journey, we invite you to explore with us. Welcome.

Worship Gathering at 9:00am each Sunday Sunday School for All Ages at 10:15am (Sept - May)



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Bethel is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Maidu & Nisenan people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.