

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Bethlehem United Methodist Church**

**Mission: To “Give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ”**

**May 2, 2021 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

**PREPARATION *for* WORSHIP**

**The Prelude** 8 am “A Garden Song” ..... Lindsay  
10:30 am .....”All Creatures of God and King” Hayes  
Tammie Fisher, piano solo

**Welcome to Worship**

**The Call to Worship** “Hallelujah! He is Risen”

Hallelujah, He is risen! Death forever lost it's sting.  
Christ, Himself the Resurrection, From the grave His own will bring:  
He is risen, He is risen, Living Lord and coming King.  
Words by Philip Bliss - Sung to “Unser Herrscher” by Joachim Neander  
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**The Call to Prayer and Praise**

Leader: “Come, all who are thirsty,” says Jesus, our Lord, “Come, all who are weak, taste the living water that I shall give, and be strengthened.”

**People: Dip your hands in the stream to refresh body and soul.  
Drink from it; depend on it; for this water will never run dry.**

Leader: “Come, all who are thirsty,” says Jesus, our Lord.

**OUR WORSHIP *with* PRAISE *and* PRAYER**

**\*The Hymn of Praise** “On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” No. 724

**\*Our Affirmation of Faith** “An Easter Affirmation: We Believe”

**A Proclamation of Easter**

Leader: We shall always gather as God’s Easter people, inspired by the Spirit ...  
to witness more effectively, to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, to live more peacefully, to love more energetically, to teach more eloquently, to pray more seriously, to worship more enthusiastically, to celebrate more joyfully, to sing more faithfully, to give more generously, to serve more compassionately. Let us pray...

**An Invocation for the Season of Easter**

We gather today, in the name of the One who is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last. We gather today, in the name of the One who gives all the opportunity for repentance that leads to life. We gather today, in the name of the One whose

command created all things. We gather today, in the name of the One whose glory is far above earth and heaven. We gather today, in the name of the One who will one day make his dwelling with humanity. We gather today, in the name of the One who will make all things new. Make us new, Lord. Make us new. Amen.

## **A Time of Silent Prayer and Meditation**

### **A Prayer for the Season of Easter**

Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank you, Father, for giving us hope! We do not know what it was like to watch your Son die, but we know you endured it because of your great love for us. We are full of gratitude and worship. He is risen! Amen.

**Our Hymn of Prayer**                      “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”                      No. 730

### **The Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

**The Morning Anthem**                      “Halle, Halle, I’m So Glad”                      Shafferman & Page

### **A Time with Our Children**

## **WORSHIP *through* GIVING**

### **Our Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

The Prayer of Dedication

## **WORSHIP *through* PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**The Scripture Lessons**                      The Revelation 21:1-6

**The Hymn of Preparation**                      “Soon and Very Soon”                      No. 706

### **The Sermon**

Text: “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Theme: On the Road to Easter and Beyond: Where the Road Finally Leads

## **WORSHIP *through* RESPONSE**

**\*The Hymn of Dedication**                      “Marching to Zion”                      No. 733

**The Benediction and Postlude**

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