

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Bethlehem United Methodist Church

Mission: "To give of ourselves so others may know Jesus Christ"

May 22, 2022 8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Prelude** "The Guiding Voice" Rasley

**Welcome** (All are asked to complete the connection card. Leave it at your seat. Thank you.)

**Call to Worship** (congregation reads bold print)

Pastor Stephany Sechrist

Psalm 67

Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us,

**So that your way becomes known on the earth, so that your salvation becomes known among all the nations.**

Let the people thank you, God. Let all the people thank you! Let the people celebrate and shout with joy, because you judge the nations fairly and guide all the nations on the earth.

**Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!**

The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us – our God blesses us!

**Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor Him.**

**\*Hymn** "How Great Thou Art" No. 77

**\*Invocation** (in unison) James Stine, Worship Leader

O God from whom every gift derives, we gather to worship You this day. You are an awesome God, greater than our comprehension or our imagination. You are beyond any word we could ever use to describe You. And yet, through Jesus, we know the intimacy of Your vast Love.

We have come to You in thanksgiving and praise, to know that You are God, and to place our lives anew into Your perspective. Enlarge our vision in this hour with Your Word. Instill in us, again, Your hope in place of our despair, Your peace where our hatred threatens, Your joy amidst our depression, Your love overwhelming our apathy.

May Your Holy Spirit surround and indwell this congregation now, and forevermore. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      “The Apostles’ Creed”      No. 881 (& on screen)

**Children’s Time (10:30)**

**Prayer Focus on Pastoral Transition**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Celebration and Challenge of Building Debt**

James Stine - Finance Committee, Chair

**Hymn**                              “Take My Life and Let It Be”                              No. 399

**Anthem**                              “I Must Tell Jesus”                              Mark Hayes

**Scripture Lesson**              2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:6-11

**Sermon**                              “ABC’s of Biblical Giving”  
Dennis L. Otto, Interim Pastor

**\*Hymn**                              “I Surrender All”                              No. 354

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**