

**Sunday, June 20, 2021 ~ 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*

## Welcome!

We are so glad to have you share in worship at Bethlehem today. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to one of the Pastors – they would love to greet you personally!

**Communicate with us:** Share more about who you are, request further information, or leave a prayer request or comment through our website - <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/> - scroll down the page to request or share information.

**Children are welcome and encouraged** to participate in worship. We have designated space within the sanctuary (underneath the window of Jesus, the Good Shepherd) that is reserved for families who may need additional space for strollers or carriers for children who cannot yet wear masks. We ask you to attend to distancing. If there is a way we can make worship a more hospitable environment for your family, please speak to a pastor or leave a comment through our website (see above).

**Holy Communion** is important to our life of faith. At this time, we receive communion on the first Sunday of the month.

**Hearing assistance:** Our sound system is equipped with personal hearing loop devices. Please ask an usher for a loop device.

**Our Perrin Street entrance is accessible.** Please ask for help if you need assistance.

**Please silence your cell phones:** As a courtesy to others, we ask that you please silence your cell phones during worship.

**Make reservations** to attend worship and learn more about how to view livestreamed worship at <https://blcfairport.org/share-in-worship/>. If you need assistance making a reservation or don't have internet access, please contact the church office.

Gathering Words/Welcome and Announcements

## **SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*At home: create a focal point for worship in your home. A green plant calls to mind the color of the Sundays after Pentecost and serves as a reminder of growth and maturing in our life of faith, a frequent focus of the gospel texts during this season.*

*In-person: you are encouraged to participate through your spoken voice in today’s liturgy. In lieu of singing hymns and liturgical music, you are encouraged to use the music texts as part of your prayer and reflection throughout the week, or join in singing them from home by viewing a recording of today’s livestream.*

Call to Worship:

In the beginning

**before time, before people, before the world began, God was.**

Here and now

**among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven, God is.**

In the future,

**when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment, God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**God was. God is. God will be!**



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

**Greeting:**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

Let us pray. O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Children's Moment****WE HEAR GOD'S WORD****Reading: Job 38:1-11**

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (8:30 am)

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in a two-part setting. It consists of two systems of staves. Each system has a Soprano staff (treble clef) and a Bass staff (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staves. The music features a mix of single notes, dyads, and triads, with some notes beamed together. There are fermatas over the final notes of each phrase.

The gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sermon



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953  
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional  
 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

Response to the Word:

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,

**Who follow the teaching of the Lord!**

United with believers across space and time, we confess our faith.

**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.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

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

*Greet those with whom you worship physically with a sign of peace. At home, extend the peace of Christ through the comments section or text to those who are at a distance.*

Offering

*Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. We celebrate the opportunity to share our abundance – of compassion, of time, and of material resources. If you would like to make a one-time gift electronically, scan the QR (quick response) code on the right and you'll be brought to BLC's mobile giving page. For recurring gifts, download the Tithe.ly app. Checks may also be mailed to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 48 Perrin Street, Fairport, NY 14450. Those worshipping in person may leave their offerings in the basket in the narthex.*



*Whatever form your offering takes, we give thanks to God for you and your generosity.*

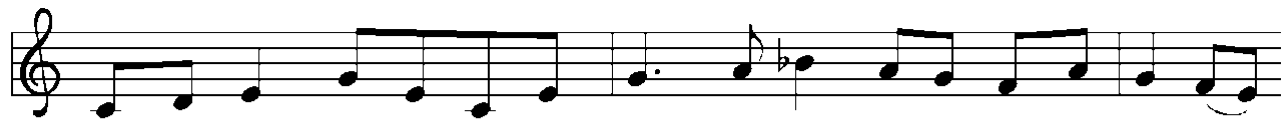
Offering of Music:

“You Are Mine”

by David Haas (setting by J. Evanovich)

*Jane Morale, violin and Phyllis Stock, piano*

Offertory: (8:30)	<i>Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful</i>	#182
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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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Offertory Prayer:

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

**the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things that we may come to the help of all in need, though Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People:

*In the silences of our prayer you are encouraged to remember those whose needs are known to us listed below. You may also lift up the name of someone in need of prayer in the comments of our worship livestream.*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*Brief silence*

During this season of Pentecost, we lift up the progress made across our state and much of our nation through vaccination and reduced COVID-19 transmission that allows for the loosening of pandemic restrictions, the opportunity to gather in this place of worship and in community, and to rejoice once again in the smile of a friend or even a stranger. Lord, in our haste to return to normalcy, please help us to be patient and compassionate with each other, particularly those who are anxious or uncertain about what lies ahead, and help us to remain mindful that many parts of the world are still battling this deadly disease. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this Father's Day, we ask you to bless the fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers in our midst and the memories of those who have come home to you. We pray for the congregation of Bethlehem and for our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. We ask particularly for your abiding presence on our high school graduates, Emmett, Preston, Jenna, Paige, Alex, Paul, Nate, Billy, and other graduating seniors as they prepare for the next chapter in their lives. Today we ask for your blessing on these members and friends of Bethlehem: Patty & Ralph, John & Patti, Dick & Susan, Jefferey & Letitia (Emmett), Evelyn, and Helene.

*We pray for those who are grieving, especially the family and friends of:*

- Doris Kupchella (mother of Al Kupchella) who died on 6/1 at age 97

*We pray for those in need of healing, especially:*

- Iona Jones as she continues to transition to her new home at Wesley Gardens
- Charles Levene (father of Terri Pries) who is recovering from surgery
- Cheryl Newton as she deals with ongoing health concerns
- Waverly, who continues to face multiple health challenges
- Those who are involved with the ongoing work of caregiving for loved ones
- Those who are infected with or recovering from Coronavirus, and their caregivers

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you know our needs better than we ourselves. Be with all those who are suffering with food insecurity and bless the hunger activists working to fill the void. Comfort those hurting in mind, body or spirit this day, particularly Pastor Amy, and grant stamina to their caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear also these prayers we raise to you in our own voice. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we trust in your never-ending goodness and mercy, in Jesus name we pray,  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

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

**Our Father in heaven,**  
    **hallowed be your name,**  
    **your kingdom come,**  
    **your will be done,**  
        **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
    **as we forgive those**  
        **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
    **and deliver us from evil.**

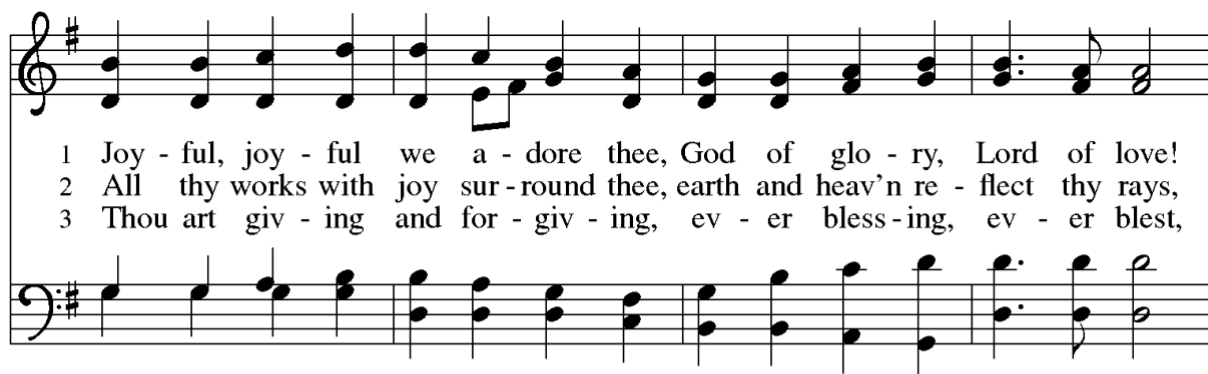
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    **and the glory are yours,**  
    **now and forever. Amen**

Recognition of Seniors and Awarding of Bethlehem Scholarships

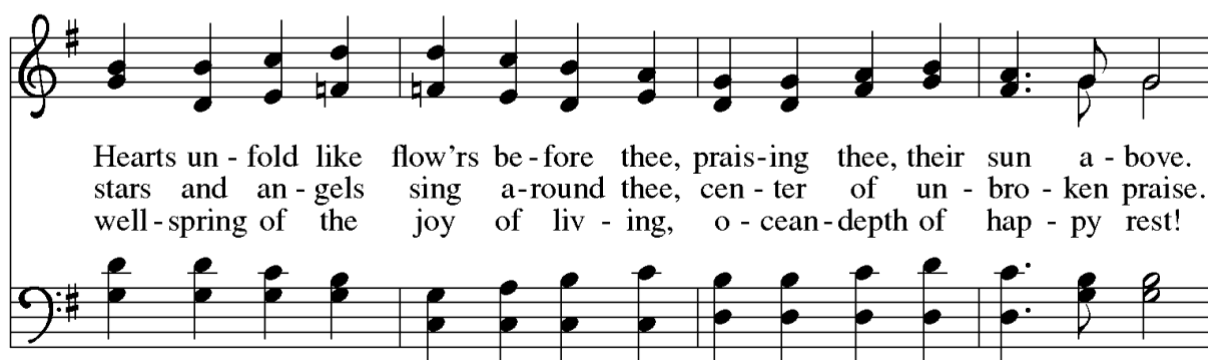
Benediction:

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

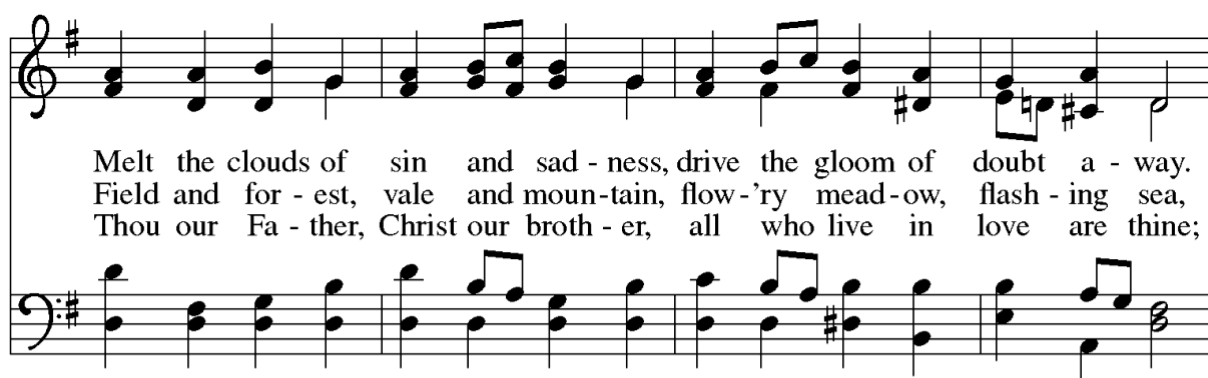
**Amen.**



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on “Lasst uns alle fröhlich sein”

Healey Willan

*You will be excused during the postlude from the back of the congregation to the front. You are encouraged to share conversation outside the building!*

**Thank you to Pastor David Gerhardt...** *for proclaiming God’s Word and providing Sunday morning worship leadership while Pastor Amy is recovering from her recent surgery. Pastor Gerhardt is a retired ELCA Pastor and member of this congregation. We are grateful for his witness among us!*

*Pr. Amy continues to recuperate from her recent knee replacement surgery and is working a reduced schedule. She begins scheduled vacation time away June 23 – July 6. While she is away Pastor Hoffman will coordinate pastoral care. In the event of a pastoral care emergency (i.e. death, family or individual crisis), please contact the church office and leave a message on the Pastoral Care line.*

## Calendar for June 20 – June 27

(Last updated on 6/16/21 at 12 noon, visit <https://blcfairport.org/event-directory/> for updates)

### Sunday, June 20

#### **Senior Recognition Sunday**

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream Worship  
10:00 am In-person Worship  
([Reservation required](#))  
7:30 pm LYO

### Monday, June 21

### Tuesday, June 22

2:00 pm Support Group for  
Caregivers

### Wednesday, June 23

9:30 am Bible Study - Hybrid  
(In-person or [Join](#) via Zoom –  
ID 943 3691 2942)  
9:30 am Education Planning  
Meeting  
([Join](#) or use ID 871 8823 9638)

### Thursday, June 24

### Friday, June 25

#### **Pastor's Sabbath**

### Saturday, June 26

### Sunday, June 27

8:30 am Facebook  
Livestream Worship  
10:00 am In-person Worship  
([Reservation required](#))  
11:30 am BLC On the Go! Wacky  
Kickball at Center Park with  
Marcy Adams  
7:30 pm LYO

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**Church Office Hours:** We continue to hold remote office hours M-F from 9 am to 12 noon. During these times, please call (585) 223-0634 to reach us directly, otherwise you may continue to email us at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) and we'll respond as we're able. For further assistance or urgent pastoral care needs outside of office hours, please call the office and leave a message on the pastoral care line.

**Worshipping In-Person:** To accommodate our sanctuary capacity limits, we are currently requiring reservations for worship. You may [reserve space here](#) (the link is also available on BLC's [Share in Worship page](#)). If you need assistance making a reservation or don't have internet access, please contact the church office.

**Zoom Meetings at BLC:** The easiest way to join is to use the direct link available in the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website. If you don't see your meeting in the Calendar of Events or have questions, please contact your group leader or the church office for assistance or additional details!

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## Who, Then, Is This? Our Only Help.

As the disciples set out together in the boat with the sleeping Jesus, a great windstorm arose so that the boat became swamped. As we set out in mission together in the ship of Christ's church, how many storms arise! The elements of chaos still seem to wreak havoc in our lives, communities, and in the church—and we become terrified. Though Christ is present the disciples and we ourselves begin to doubt his care and power: "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" His presence seems far too weak to help us, though it is exactly in this vulnerable weakness that Christ shows his almighty power. Jesus wakes at the disciples' cries and rebukes the wind and waves—they are no match for his command. The terrifying calm that follows demonstrates his divine power over all the chaos that continually threatens us. And we find ourselves awe-struck before the living God who has met us in our weakness and yet overcome it. The Christ who sleeps in the boat is the same Christ who hangs on the cross, seemingly helpless. Yet the helpless one is none other than the all-powerful Lord God. "Who then is this?" but the Lord of all! The God who in the beginning brought order to the chaotic face of the deep now in Christ brings peace as we face the storm. So why are we afraid? Have we still no faith in this helpless Lord who is our only help?

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