



*Sunday, May 21, 2023*  
*Music Sunday*  
*Te Deum - To God*





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### PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*HYMN TO JOY*  
Ludwig van Beethoven  
setting, Paul Manz

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Latin phrase Te Deum is the title given to what has been called the “greatest non-biblical hymn of the Christian church.” Te Deum, translated “to God,” has been sung as part of Christian worship since the fourth century. Familiar elements of our liturgy are drawn from this ancient hymn, including Kyrie Eleison – Lord, have mercy, and the Sanctus – Holy, Holy, Holy. Today we join our voices to angels and archangels, and centuries of believers who have come before us to sing thanks and praise to God!*

### GATHERING

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you, O God;  
**we acknowledge you to be the Lord.**  
All the earth worships you,  
**O God, our everlasting God.**  
To you all angels cry aloud,  
**the heavens and all the powers therein.**  
Over all of the earth the church gives praise to your holy name;  
**To you God, we give our thanks and praise.**

## 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. Loving God, Creator of all things, you have raised Christ to rule at the heart of the human story, present in all beings, through the Spirit of love to bless us, keep us and lead us in your ways. May your Word be made flesh again in Scripture, in our worship, and in all our lives and in our living. Open our hearts, God, and speak to us.

**Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

To God Be the Glory

text, Fanny Crosby / music, William H. Doane  
arr. Tull Glazener

BLC Dulcimers

The Folk Group

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

PSALM: Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup>Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE

*Te Deum*

text, Traditional Latin hymn, ca. 4th c. AD  
music, Michael John Trotta

The Chancel Choir    Music Sunday Instrumental Ensemble

**1. Te Deum Laudamus** (We Praise you, O God)

We praise you, we praise you, acknowledge you, O Lord God

Everlasting, God the Father, all the earth adores you.

To you all of the angels; to you all of the heavens and all powers,

To you Cherubim and Seraphim now proclaim with their voices singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Heav'nly hosts.

Full are the heavens and earth of your most glorious holy splendor.

The glorious choir of the Apostles praise you;

The holy prophets and saints do praise you;

The martyrs come in their white robes to praising your holy name;

Over all of the earth the holy church gives praise to your holy name;

Father of holy splendor;

And they praise your only son, one true holy, only son, one true and most holy son  
of God;

With the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete and Advocate, we praise you, everlasting.

**2. Tu Rex Gloriam** (King of Glory)

King of glory, O Christ. The son of the eternal father.

You who have freed us by becoming human, did not abhor the Virgin's holy  
womb,

You, have conquered death entirely, and you have opened the kingdom, to all the  
believers.

At the right hand of God you are seated, in glory with God the Father.

We believe you will come to bring justice.

Therefore we beseech you to come to aid your servants,

who by your blood most precious have been redeemed.

Allow them to be counted with your saints in glory everlasting.

### 3. **Salvum fac populum tuum** (God Save Your People)

God save your people, O save your people, and bless your inheritance.  
And rule them, and extol them, ever for eternity.

For every day, we bless you, we sing praise to you.

And we praise your most holy name for evermore.

O Grant us, Lord, God, grant us, this day to keep us without sin.

Have mercy on us, mercy, O Lord.

Let thy most holy mercy Lord, be on us.

As we have trusted in you, O Lord, God!

In you, Lord God, I have trusted: let me never be confounded.

We praise you forever!

HYMN OF THE DAY	When in Our Music God Is Glorified	ELW 851
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THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Our prayers are always offered on behalf of the whole community.*

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

#1 As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over  
all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom  
to use it wisely. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

#2 You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and  
organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of  
peace and justice. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

#3 You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, you make all things new. Strengthen and renew the relationships we share with these members and friends of Bethlehem and their families: especially Bob & Diana, Brian, Katie, Keven, Sue & Tom, and Tim. Bring new life and growth to the ministry of our sisters and brothers in our twinned parish in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe. Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Breathe new life into those struggling in body, mind, or spirit.

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

- Chrissy W., wife of Lynn M.'s co-worker, Tim
- Rachel S., daughter of John C.'s cousin, who died 5/2
- Bob K., father of Cathy F., who died on 5/7

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

- Linnea D., Cliff and her entire family as she begins hospice care
- Ritva E., mother of Marja R., who is facing multiple medical challenges
- Ros. S. who is experiencing health challenges
- Pat B., brother-in-law of Jim and Donna B, whose cancer has returned
- Dana and Sylvia, uncle and aunt of Neil V., Dana is recovering from a fall any Sylvia is facing additional health challenges

Hear these prayers we raise to you in our hearts or on our voice.

*Silence for individual prayer.*

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**



## SHARING GOD'S MEAL

### THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Share the peace in a way that cares for friend and neighbor.*

*If you worship virtually, share the peace through the comments section or text.*

### OFFERING

*Information about supporting Bethlehem's ministry with your offerings is available in the Welcome insert in your pew rack or by visiting*

[blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry](http://blcfairport.org/support-our-ministry).

### OFFERING OF MUSIC

Somebody's Knockin'

African American spiritual  
arr. Anna Laura Page

The Chancel Bells

### OFFERTORY



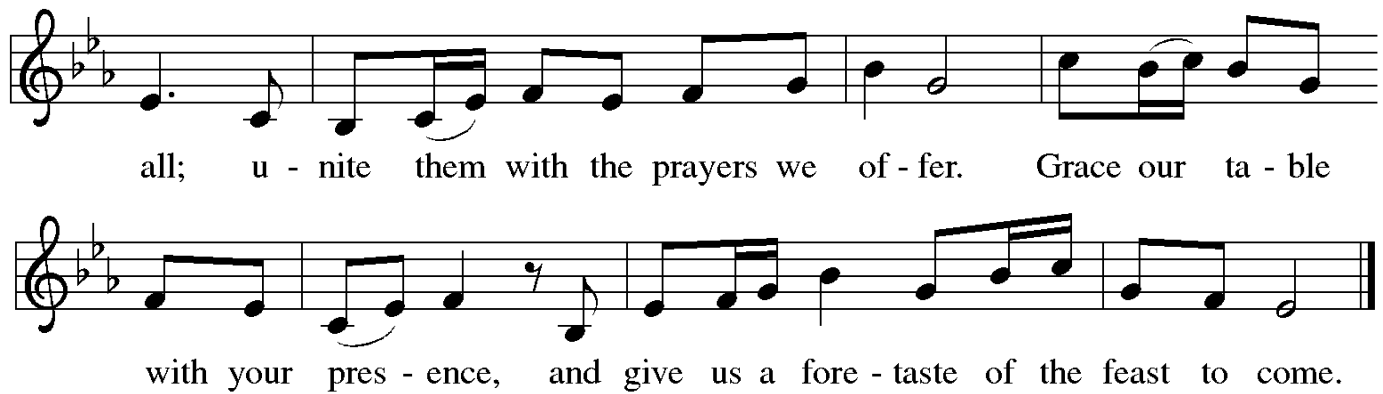
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

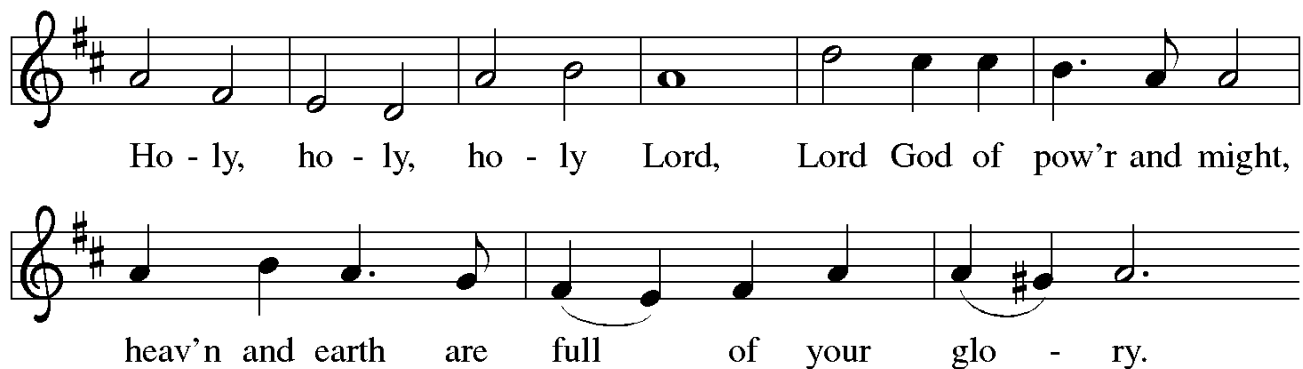
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God,  
**in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

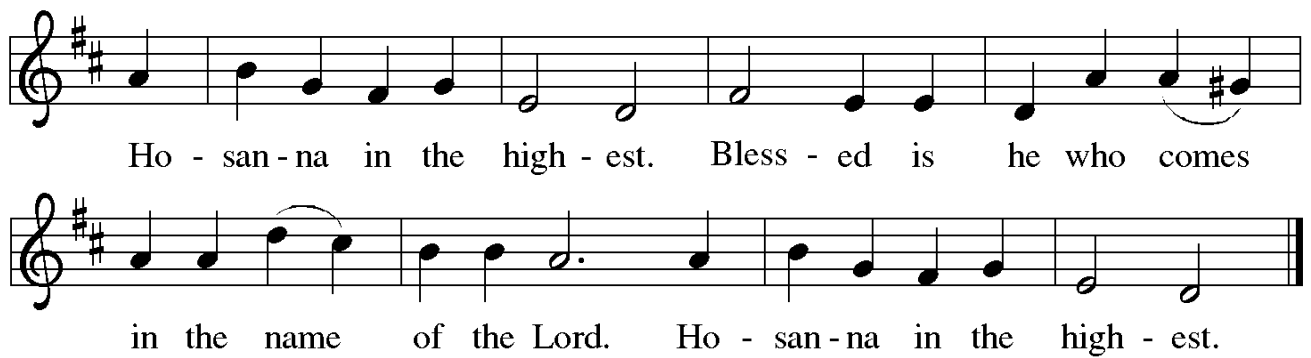
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we may be the Body of Christ, who have died and have been raised to new life, to serve you in love without fear, in the power of your Holy Spirit and the strength of eternal life.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

One in body, one in spirit, we pray.

**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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*Our communion bread is gluten-free, unless noted by the pastor. Grape juice is available; indicate your need to the communion assistant. If you worship through the Livestream and wish to receive communion, please reach out to one of the pastors.*

## THE COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ, Our Peace

*sung 5 times*

ACS 1037

1st and 2nd times: All

3rd time: Women

4th time: Men

5th time: All

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

## In This Feast of Love

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

## Shalom



Sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, my friends, sha - lom, sha - lom.  
*Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim, sha - lom, cha-ve-rim, sha - lom, sha - lom.*



Sha - lom my friends, sha - lom, my friends. Sha - lom, sha - lom.  
*Sha - lom cha-ve-rim, sha - lom cha-ve-rim. Sha - lom, sha - lom.*

## TABLE BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## LEAVING TO SERVE

### BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW 840

*assisted by Richard DePasquale, trumpet*



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccatà on “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *OLD HUNDREDTH*  
setting, Michael Burkhardt

**Music Sunday Instrumental Ensemble**

Dr. Jim Jefferis, director

Dick DePasquale, Trumpet

Pete Madsen, Trumpet

Olivia Finkbeiner, Horn

Scott Quinlan, Trombone

Matt Sherrill, Tuba

Grace Wong Henshaw, Harp

Gabriel Foster, Percussion

Raelynn Clare, Organ

**BLC Musicians**

Raelynn Clare, Music Director and Organist

Dr. Jim Jefferis, Director of The Chancel Choir

Rich Towsley, Director of The Folk Group and BLC Dulcimers

**Thank you** to all those who participated in worship this Sunday! Want to learn more about what roles are needed in worship or sign-up for a pre-scheduled role? Talk with Mark Finke or one of the pastors following worship or contact Mark directly at [volunteersupport@blcfairport.org](mailto:volunteersupport@blcfairport.org).

**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.

**What's happening at BLC this week?** Visit the Calendar of Events at [www.blcfairport.org](http://www.blcfairport.org). Zoom links for virtual meetings are also found there. If you would like to schedule a meeting or event, please email the church office at [office@blcfairport.org](mailto:office@blcfairport.org) or visit <https://blcfairport.org/blc-facility-request/>

**Church office hours:** Our co-Pastors are available Sunday-Thursday and on-call for emergencies. Contact them directly to schedule an appointment either by calling (585) 223-0634 or emailing [pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.hoffman@blcfairport.org) or [pastor.amy@blcfairport.org](mailto:pastor.amy@blcfairport.org).

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Shalom: Text: Israeli traditional Music: SHALOM, Israeli traditional



## Music Matters

In his book *My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathways to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies*, Resmaa Menakem offers several activities that help “harmonize your body with other bodies” (Las Vegas, NV: Central Recovery Press, 2017, p. 182). One activity in the book that might work among a community that loves to sing together is humming. . . . This activity is a way to relax the bodies present, allowing for a sense of harmony among the people. It could be an activity to practice the oneness Jesus prayed for in the upper room. And it’s a tangible way to hear the connectedness Jesus embodied with his first followers and shared in his prayers for them.