

**Order of Worship**  
**Livestream Worship**  
**Bethel UMC**  
**Sunday, May 2, 2021 \* 10:00 am**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

*Entrance*

Prelude/Bringing in the Light & the Cross

Acolytes

Call to Worship

I wait for the Lord,

**my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who  
watch for the morning,

**more than those who watch for the morning.**

In faith, let us turn to our God, whose love is sure.

Opening Prayer (Let us pray together)

**Almighty God,**

**in Jesus Christ you show us the breadth of your power  
and the depth of your love.**

**You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments.**

**You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our  
hearts.**

**You do not turn from our distress, but stretch out your  
hand**

**to heal, to comfort, and to save.**

**All thanks and praise be to you, O God;**

**your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” (#70, *UMH*)

*(Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.)*

## Children's Message

### Morning Anthem

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (#474, *UMH*)

### Morning Prayer

#### *Proclamation and Response*

#### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

#### Scripture Readings

*First Reading – Gospel – Mark 5:22-34*

**22** Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet **23** and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." **24** So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. **25** Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. **26** She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. **27** She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, **28** for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." **29** Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. **30** Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" **31** And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" **32** He looked all around to see who had done it. **33** But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. **34** He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Reader: This is the Word of God for us, the People of God.  
**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Thanksgiving and Communion*  
Celebration of Holy Communion

*Invitation*

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin  
and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one  
another.

*Confession and Pardon*

**Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our  
whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

*The Peace*

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love. You may do this by either turning to those physically gathered with you and saying, "Peace be with you," or you may type "Peace be with you" into the Facebook chat.

*Taking the Bread and Cup*

*(The pastor takes the bread and cup, and the bread and wine are prepared for the meal.)*

*The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the  
breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love  
remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be  
our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing  
with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and  
resurrection

you gave birth to your church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant  
by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your  
Son from the dead  
and to an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,  
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,  
who called us out of darkness into marvelous  
light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be  
with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and  
said:

“Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead  
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking  
of the bread,  
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has  
continued  
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the  
cup.

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come  
again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory,  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us  
pray:

*The Lord's Prayer*

**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. Amen.**

*Breaking the Bread*

*(The pastor breaks the bread and then lifts the cup, in silence or  
with appropriate words.)*

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### *Giving the Bread and Cup*

I invite those of you online to receive the Communion elements using these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

### *Dismissal with Blessing*

Day after day you give yourself to us: in two or more gathered in your name, in connection across the miles, and in bread and wine. As we go from this gathering around your most sacred table, may we feel restored to your body, companioned by your people, and sustained by the power of your Spirit as we witness to your healing and reconciling work. Through Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

### Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (#95, *UMH*)  
(*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*)

### *Sending Forth*

### Hymn of Dedication

“I Need Thee Every Hour” (#397, *UMH*)

### Taking the Light of Christ to Our Community

Acolytes

### Benediction

### Postlude

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