

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Bethlehem United Methodist Church

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

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

Prelude "The Year's At Spring" (8 am) Price
"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (10:30)
Jocelyn Spyker, violin

Children's Choir "Big Family of God" Becky Drake

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

Call to Worship (congregation reads bold print) Hebrews 4:14-16
Carol Burkindine, Pastoral Assistant

We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus, the Son of God.

This is why we must hold onto what we have said about him.

Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin!

So, whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God.

There we will be treated with undeserved grace, and we will find help.

***Hymn** "O God Beyond All Praising" The Faith We Sing, No. 2009

***Invocation** (in unison) Jim Stine, Worship Leader

Holy God, we come before you on this day giving thanks for mothers. We praise you for the mothers who bore, guided and loved us. We also are thankful for those women who came alongside us in classrooms, youth groups, camps, and scouting, as well as those in our extended families who helped us to become the people we are today. We ask your comfort for women who desired to become mothers but did not. We ask for forgiveness and understanding for those mothers whose love fell short of our need. We are grateful for the sacrifices known and unknown that our mothers have made to make our way easier. We praise you for the ways our mothers loved us that made it easier for us to believe in your divine love for us. We lift this prayer in Jesus' name. 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

Hymn “Abide with Me” No. 700

Anthem “In Christ Alone ” K. Getty & S. Townsend

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 13:8

Sermon “Get Ready for Change”
Dennis L. Otto, Interim Pastor

***Hymn** “Marching to Zion” No. 733

***Benediction**

Postlude