



King's Highway, Lewes, DE

## Bethel United Methodist Church

11:00 a.m. May 24, 2020

**Prelude:**

*"America"*

arr. Mary McDonald  
Bob Snyder, trumpet

### **Greeting and Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

by Gord Waldie and posted on Worship Offerings, alt.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember the past and look to the future.

On this day when the guns are silent, we come before You God, seeking Your peace.

On this day when we face infection and fear, we come to You, praying for health,  
healing, and a cure with all our hearts.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Help us to find the path that  
leads from sickness to strength, isolation to companionship, and concern to calm.

Open our eyes and the eyes of all nations to a different path and open a spirit of unity  
and cooperation to defeat and cure this disease

In this hour of worship, prayer and song, help us re-commit to being people of  
shalom—your perfect peace and wellbeing.

May we catch a vision of how the world could live together as sisters and brothers.

And so, we echo the old prayers, Make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace  
on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen.

**Opening Song:** *"Come Now Is the Time to Worship"*

by Brien Doerksen  
Solo: Joyce Snyder

## **Prayer of the Week:**

*All providing God, after Jesus Your Son ascended to His heavenly throne, You gave the Church the abiding presence of Your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today with mercy and grace and hear our petitions (A moment of silence)*

*Send Your Spirit upon the Church and its leaders, O God, and fill us with hope and confidence in the ultimate victory of Christ over sin and death.*

*Send Your Spirit upon the earth and its creatures, O God, and renew all creation with Your vibrant and sustaining life.*

*Send Your Spirit upon governments and systems, O God, and instill in them a fervent desire for peace, compassion, and justice.*

*Send Your Spirit upon those who are suffering in spirit, O God, and wrap them in Your loving care and embrace.*

*Send Your Spirit upon those suffering in body, O God, and grant them healing, hope, and wholeness.*

*Send Your Spirit upon all who will join this service, O God, and prepare us to go into the world renewed to proclaim Your love and grace to all people.*

*Send Your Spirit upon all the caregivers and first responders upon whom we count, O God, and protect, strengthen, and empower them to be Your ministers of healing in this pandemic.*

*Send Your Spirit upon all researchers, scientists, lab workers; and the producers of testing supplies and protection equipment, O God, that they may speed the end of this crisis.*

*Send Your Spirit upon, all generations of Your faithful people, O God, and unite us all around Your heavenly throne.*

*Grant that we, directed by Your Spirit, may confess Jesus Christ is Lord, and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue His mission in this world until we join in Your eternal praise Through Christ Jesus, Who has taught us to 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Joys & Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Gospel Lesson:**

*"Matthew 28:16-20" (NIV)*

Ray Davis

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey

everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

### Thanks be to God.

<b>Message:</b>	<i>“Unfinished Business”</i>	Pastor Baker
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	“O Church of God United”	by Frederick Morley Solo: Joyce Snyder
<b>Postlude</b>		Joyce Mentzer

Participating in today’s service: Nick Mentzer, Camera; Todd Mentzer, Sound & Streaming



**Live Streaming:** We want you to know that we've changed our YouTube name to make it easier for you to find us, our live streams and our weekly Pajama Sunday School and children's videos. Our new name is **Bethel Lewes**. Just head to YouTube on any device or Smart TV and enter "Bethel Lewes" in the YouTube

search bar and there we are!! [Click on the lighthouse](#) to see all our videos or past services and don't forget to hit subscribe.

Bethel will continue to Live Stream a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and record the service for those who want to view it later through our website, [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org). At the top of the page click on 'Virtual Bethel.' For the live service, click on Virtual Worship.



**Food Drive:** Now that the Cape Henlopen Food Basket is once again open, we will be collecting food for them over the next couple of weeks. Several ladies, who have been gathering food for the Food Bank each week, are now going to deliver food to the CHFB for at least the next several weeks. We will glad deliver food or money donations there for you. Contact Hope Ellsworth or drop off donations to her house (302-236-6805; 112 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Lewes). The Cape Henlopen Food Basket provides food to everyone who comes. No one is turned away.



**Our 2020 Confirmation Class:** We will recognize our Confirmation Class next week on Pentecost Sunday with a slide show. They won't actually be confirmed until social distancing restrictions are listed, and their family's can be present with them. Our confirmands this year are: **Dylan Brockmeier, Katie Costello, Darcy Crotty, Christopher Emmett, Alex Fitzkee, Lauren Gardoski, EJ Jones, Matthew Parsons, Will Powell, Jenna Reinhold, Johnathan Stoddard, and Tanner Wyshock.** We extend to you our warmest

congratulations and prayers for God's finest blessings on your lives.

## Preparing to Reopen for Worship

Governor Carney has lifted some restrictions on public worship in Delaware. Bethel's leadership team met via Zoom on May 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss our next steps. We remain totally committed to the safety and protection of our congregation. We are eager to open for public worship but will not open until we are confident that you will be safe from exposure to the Covid-19 Corona Virus.

Restrictions: The State has mandated these restrictions be in place:

**“If a Community of Worship elects to conduct in-person services, the following rules must be followed:** Each Community of Worship must post signage at each public entrance which states all of the following:

“Do not enter if: you are at high-risk for contracting COVID-19 (65 and older or have underlying health conditions identified by the CDC as higher risk); have a cough, high fever, shortness of breath; or have been exposed to anyone who has tested positive with COVID-19 in the past 14 days; Individuals age 13 and up are required to wear a cloth face covering to enter and remain inside (cloth face covering is recommended but not required for children ages 2-12); Social distancing of 6 feet or more is required to remain inside – no handshaking, hugging, or kissing is allowed (however, families and members of the same household may remain together).”

“Length of service: no longer than 1 hour. Each Community of Worship is permitted to conduct a service/gathering that shall be restricted in size to no more than 30% of stated fire occupancy requirements, so long as CDC social distancing requirements can be followed. Service/gathering times must be staggered to permit cleaning the public spaces before the next service/gathering begins according to CDC guidelines.”

“Except for members of the same household, adhere to 6 feet social distancing (measured in circumference) at all times between staff, volunteers, members, the people served and visitors both inside and outside, while seated and standing. Children must remain with their parent/guardian at all times.”

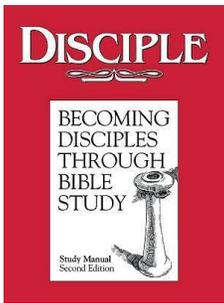
Our New Normal: When we first reopen for public worship it will be different:

- + **30% of our seating capacity is 101 in Fellowship Hall and 80 in the Sanctuary.**
- + People over 65 or with other risk factors are advised to stay home for the time being.
- + Masks must be worn in church & social distancing must be practiced.
- + There will be no on-site Sunday School or other activities with children and youth.
- + Attendance pads, Hymnals, Bibles, and envelopes must be removed from pews chairs.
- + No Bulletins by be distributed in church. You may bring a bulletin from home.
- + No passing of the offering plate/bag. Baskets will be in the back of the room
- + No congregational singing. Individual soloists can minister through music.

We Are Planning A Soft Opening:

- + Initially only opening for worship
- + We will continue to live stream and record the 11:00 service
- + We hope to resume a public contemporary service at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall once we are confident we can keep everyone safe
- + We are not opening the Church Office at this time.
- + Church meetings, classes, etc. must still be by electronic media

Your safety is important to us. Thank you for understanding.



**Disciple Bible Study Graduates:** Congratulations to Bethel's most recent graduates of Disciple Bible Study! They are: **Ruth Ann Baker, Donna Cardano, Kim Edmonds, Bud Griffin, Linda Griffin, Bob Jones, Nessie Kind, Patty Marvel, and Mary Lou Warren.** They began this 34-week, college level course last September, and read 80% of the Bible. They were very capably led in their studies and weekly discussions by Rev. Pat Bollinger beginning with classes in the Parsonage Meeting House, and more recently, via Zoom. We plan to offer Disciple Bible Study again in the fall.



**Prayer Link:** Need prayer? You can now get prayer requests to the pastoral staff, or if you choose, add a prayer request to our Prayer List. Just go to our Website [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org) Across the top of the home page, click on 'Prayer Request' a screen will open for you to enter your prayer request, and whether it is private, or can be shared with our prayer ministry.



**Covid-19 Relief Fund:** Bethel has funds available if you are having difficulty paying essential bills because of loss of income or employment during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your identity and personal information will be kept confidential. Depending on the size of the need, assistance may be limited.

**If you are currently facing a financial hardship, or see one coming in June please, contact Pastor Baker at [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org).** Assistance is available.

Currently we do not need additional donations. Thank you!



**Change of Dates:** The Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee is organizing a retirement party for Pastor Earle. Previously a date in June had been selected, but it seems unlikely that large gatherings will be appropriate then. So, please clear your calendars for this new date 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> to join the Bethel Church Family and others as we come to say goodbye and celebrate Pastor Earle's 40-year career of service to God and The United Methodist Church.

Please look forward to more information in future announcements as we approach Pastor Earle's retirement.

**Cancellation:** We regret to inform you that this year's Antiques Show and Sale has been cancelled. With uncertainty about the corona virus, and the possibility of safety restrictions, the decision has been made to not have a show this year, but to come back strong in 2021



High School and College Graduates: Bethel will honor this year's graduates by including a slide show of the members of the Class of 2020 as part of worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. We need parents and grandparents to supply us with a Senior Picture. We will incorporate them into our worship on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please send pictures along with the School they graduated from, any awards of honors they received, and their future plans to Pastor Earle at [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org) Thank you



### Thank You for Your Financial Support

Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going. E-giving in April was the highest ever!

### There are five ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. Fourth St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Thank you for strong e-giving in March. If you would like to begin giving electronically, go to Bethel's Website [www.bethellewes.org](http://www.bethellewes.org) and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a new option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. To receive a tax deduction, the donation must move directly from your financial institution to Bethel, without going through your Bank. Please speak to your financial advisor to learn more about this option.

### Community Needs in the Cape Region:

- Donate Blood: Blood supplies are critically low. Make an appointment to donate in either Salisbury or Dover. Call 888-824-6638 or go to [www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood](http://www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood)
- Make Protective Masks for Beebe Healthcare Workers: Sewists are needed to make protective masks. Contact Pam Smith at [peacefullypam@gmail.com](mailto:peacefullypam@gmail.com) who will show you completed samples, safety guidelines, and online tutorials.



Key: Red type indicates a request new this week

Green type indicates an answered prayer

Blue type is Covid-19 related

Joys: Birth of Emmy Rose Gerlach, daughter of Kim Schaich & Alec Gerlach and granddaughter of **Tom & Wendy Schaich**.  
Baby Maria Garcia, off all machines and tubes, home and doing well  
Susan Leighton, home after 6 weeks in the hospital

Hospital: **Baby Nora Shuttleworth, A.I. DuPont, Lee Tyrrell, Univ of PA;** Daryl Bradley, Larry Chambers, Ruth Dougherty,

Illness: **Lisa Baker, Stevie Brittingham, Kay Poole, Randy Hoffpauir, Carol Walters**

### Covid-19 Related Requests:

- Marge Alia, Brian Brengel, William Hickman, Layla Hickman, Wilz Hickman, Susan Leighton, Lisa Tzaferos
- All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities

**Other:** People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families

### Sympathy to:

- Elizabeth Fields, on the death of her sister, Phyllis Brown on May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Carlene Spangler and family on the death of her mother, Esther Kleinline on May 18<sup>th</sup>
- Katie Hutton and family on the death of her husband Lee
- Gail Coles and family on the death of her husband, Bill, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Over **340,000** people have died worldwide, **97,000** have died in the United States many more have lost a family member to Covid-19

### Pastor's Changing Appointments

- Lee Parks to the Milton-Nassau Charge which includes White's Chapel and Zion UMCs beginning July 1.
- Pat Bollinger, to Indian Mission UMC, beginning July 1

### We need your Feedback

- ✚ If you know of someone who is not able to receive the Bethel Newsletter by email, and is not on the newsletter mailing list please contact Sandy Stough at [office@bethellewes.org](mailto:office@bethellewes.org) so they can be added.
- ✚ If you would like to have a DVD of Sunday services, email Jane at [jane@bethellewes.org](mailto:jane@bethellewes.org) so we can get one to you.
- ✚ If you anticipate needing assistance from the Covid Relief Fund, or know someone who currently needs assistance, contact [pastorbaker@bethellewes.org](mailto:pastorbaker@bethellewes.org)

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