**Worship at Bethel 2-7-21**

**Music: Piano: Mila Khmeleva**

**Hymnists: Ron & Doris Freund**

Gathering Music: **“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”**

Come, now is the time to worship.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are, to worship.

Come, just as you are, before your God. Come

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God, one day ev’ry knee will bow.

Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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**“Change My Heart, O God” ELW, # 801**

**Refrain: Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.**

You are the Potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

**Refrain**

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**Welcome & Announcements – Pastor Barb**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

###### Opening Song: “I Love To Tell The Story” ELW, # 661

1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above,

of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love

I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true

It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do

**Chorus: I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory**

**To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love**

1. I love to tell the story how pleasant to repeat

What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard

the message of salvation from God's own holy Word

**Chorus**

1. I love to tell the story for those who know it best

Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest

And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song

'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

**Chorus**

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**Opening Prayer**

Isaiah 40:21-31

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Song– “You Are Mine” ELW, # 581

1. “I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here.”

2. “I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me.”

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.

3. “I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. (refrain)

4. “I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! (refrain)

Sermon **“Heal-er, Pray-er and Proclaim-er”**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**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 into hell.**

**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.**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Holy Communion – Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song: “Let Us Talents” ELW, # 674**

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

1. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,

Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

1. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere!

Refrain

P: Go in Peace, serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**