



MOTHER'S DAY › SUNDAY › MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023 › 11:00 AM

*Welcome & Announcements* . . . . . Penny Lee

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer* . . . . . Penny Lee

*Call to Worship* . . . . . Penny Lee

Leader: Today we celebrate our mothers and grandmothers,  
and all the women who have loved us.

**People: Thank you God for giving us mothers**

Leader: We remember with deep gratitude all the ways they  
demonstrated their love for us.

**People: Today we take time to remember our mothers  
because a mother's love is most like God's love.**

Leader: For their tears, for their hugs, for their wisdom,  
for their unfailing trust in our abilities, we give thanks today.

† *Opening Hymn* . . . . . *Faith of our Mothers - Verses 1 & 3* . . . . . Penny Lee

† *Prayer of Confession* . . . . . Penny Lee

God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don't know what to do with ourselves. We anger at the slightest issues and imagine great vengeance upon those who brought them forward. We lavish in the good news of our faith and do not consider the deep commitment required of us to live in our faith. We care for ourselves but lose perspective of those around us. Forgive us we pray. Lord, help us to repent and make us whole in your sight. Amen.

† *Moment of Silent Confession* . . . . . Penny Lee

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* . . . . . Penny Lee

*Children's Time* . . . . . *A Mother's Love* (Proverbs 31:25-31). . . . . Derek Almarode

*Prayer of Illumination* . . . . . Derek Almarode

**Scripture Reading** {Proverbs 31: 10-31} . . . . . Derek Almarode  
**Sermon** . . . . . *Life's Foundation Rest In Our Mothers* . . . . . Derek Almarode  
†**Hymn of Reflection** . . . . . *Great is Thy Faithfulness - Vs 1 & 3.* . . . . . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley  
†**Acknowledgment of Our Faith** . . . . . Penny Lee

*With immense gratitude and respect to God Almighty,  
empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
as believers in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior  
we strive to serve Him in our daily walk in life.  
We work diligently to live holy and joyful lives as we watch for tomorrow  
which we know will bring God's new heaven and new earth.  
Today, as faithful followers of God's ministry,  
we rejoice in knowing that nothing in this life, including our death  
can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Father may our time spent here this morning together,  
be found pleasing to you and may you receive all the Glory  
in all that we do as your disciples. For by your love,  
and the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen*

**Joys, Concerns & Offering**

**Pastoral Prayer of the People** . . . . . Derek Almarode  
**Closing Hymn** . . . . . *Nearer My God to Thee - Vs 1 & 3.* . . . . . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley  
**Charge and Benediction** . . . . . Derek Almarode



**YOUTH FISHING @ HEARN'S LAKE  
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21 @ 2:00**

*The youth will meet next Sunday at 2:00 to fish at Hearn's Lake  
located off of Old White Hill Road in Stuarts Draft.  
Bring your pole and some bait (hot dogs are always a favorite).  
We'll be going to eat afterwards as a group!*

*If you're a kid at heart - you're welcome to come too!*

## 404 Faith of Our Fathers

*Contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 3*

1. Faith of our mo - thers, liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,  
 2. Faith of our fa - thers! we will strive To win all na - tions  
 3. Faith of our mo - thers, we will love Both friend and foe in

fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy  
 un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our mo - thers,  
 Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life. Faith of our mo - thers,

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death!  
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# 139 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The Lord's compassions are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fa - ther;  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
Thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

Thou chang - est not; Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not.  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row -

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
Bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by  
morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!



## ECO

As a Presbyterian church, ECO adheres to Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity.

The acronym represent ECO's three-fold commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ (*Evangelical*), connect leaders through accountable relationships and encourage collaboration (*Covenant*), and commit to a shared way of life together (*Order*).

# Nearer, My God, to Thee 553

*It is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge. Psalm 73:28*



1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee, E'en though it -  
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down, Dark - ness be  
3. \*There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n; All that Thou  
4. Then, with my wak - ing tho'ts Bright with Thy praise, Out of my  
5. Or if, on joy - ful wing Cleav - ing the sky, Sun, moon, and



be a cross That rais - eth me! Still all my song shall be:  
o - ver me, My rest a stone; Yet in my dreams I'd be  
send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n; An - gels to beck - on me  
ston - y griefs \*\*Beth - el I'll raise; So by my woes to be  
stars for - got, Up - ward I fly, Still all my song shall be:



Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.  
Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.  
Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.  
Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.  
Near - er, my God, to Thee; Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee.

\*Genesis 28:12 \*\*Genesis 35:15

TEXT: Sarah F. Adams; based on Genesis 28:10-22  
MUSIC: Lowell Mason

BETHANY  
6.4.6.4.6.6.6.4.

*every Thursday at 6:30*

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL

30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

FUN  FAITH  FAMILY

JOIN US ONE THURSDAY OR ALL OF 'EM!



## SERVING CHRIST AT BETHEL WILL BENEFIT YOU!!

Each of us have our own individual needs and reasons for participating in church life. Even though we may not know you personally, we believe that God knows you and loves you. He can direct your life as you draw nearer to Him. One way to grow closer to Him is attending Bethel.



*Here are a few benefits of worshipping with us:*

- Maybe you're struggling with a specific question or need some direction in your life. Maybe you just need to feel God's love and know that He is here. We assure you that God is here and we promise that you can find him here as you experience His presence.
- Jesus commanded, "This is my body broken for you, take, eat, do this in remembrance of me". Here at Bethel, we take part in the Lords table and so can you.
- What we learn at church gives us guidance on how to follow God, improves our spirituality, and live better lives. You can be uplifted here at Bethel by fellow believers and by the opportunity to serve and worship our Savior.
- Church is a community where we can socialize and support each other. You can make friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network that you can rely on. Here at Bethel we are family, welcome home!
- Bethel is home to many! We worship Christ daily in our actions and our deeds. Christ leads us to find those lost to His word. We believe we are called to serve Him in all that we do. Bethel and the family here serve as the foundation to our spiritual life. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we learn the following, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and do good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

# lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family  
Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Charlie Johnson  
John Pilson | Jane Law | Louise Hoy  
Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan  
John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh  
Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson  
Bethany Moore | Sara Moore | Hannah Harris

## Sympathy & Condolences

**FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:**

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell  
Mike Houff | Paul Shreeves

## LET THE RISING SON-SHINE IN A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

With a farewell to the winter and this last bit of cooler weather, we say hello to the warmth of the sun and the life it now brings us. The signs of new life are all around us. As Spring transitions into summer, we should focus on letting the light of Christ shine in our hearts, for He is the true rising son from whom our warmth and strength flow.

As our days begin to lengthen, and May moves into June many things bloom and prosper. Thus, so should your discipleship for Jesus. God is always doing something in our hearts, in the world, and in our church. Like seeds waiting for warm rains and warmer nights to sprout, the Spirit works in us. Friends it is time to bloom and blossom for God!

Jesus has shown me that a new season has come. Time is on the side of new growth, and with new growth comes Hope! How can Bethel help you grow as a disciple of Jesus in this new season? It is time to connect or perhaps reconnect with God and with one another. The harshness of winter has passed, it is time to grow! It is our time to grow in connection, grow in community, grow as disciples, grow in our service, and grow in Jesus.

If Bethel has been a blessing to you, don't keep that to yourself. As I stated in January at the New Year message, invite a friend to join you for worship or one of the many events and gatherings here at Bethel. If worship blesses you, invite a friend to worship too. If the choir or our soloist blesses you, invite a musical person you know to join you. If you love our current Bible Study, bring a friend. Be fishers of men, bring a friend simply because you love God and you love Bethel. Together, we can grow as disciples and grow into the people God is calling each of us to be!

I am overjoyed to be your shepherd, I am delighted to share in God's word with each of you, and I am humbled by your trust. Lastly, I am excited to see what God has in store for us! Let's take this new season and grow together.

See you Sunday at the Chapel in the Woods, Derek

7<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY

ATTENDANCE  
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A Covenant Order  
of Evangelical  
Presbyterians

welcome  
HOME

ELDER ON CALL  
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WEEKLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT

*Estimated Weekly Budget*  
\$3,127.00

*Offering for May 7th*  
\$2,489.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY  
FAMILY OF FAITH

**Sunday, May 14th - 11:00**

MOTHER'S DAY, OUTSIDE WORSHIP BEGINS

**Sunday, May 21st - 2:00**

YOUTH FISHING TRIP, HEARN LAKE, SNACKS PROVIDED

**Sunday, May 28th - 11:00**

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

**Thursday, June 8th - 6:30**

BIBLE STUDY PICNIC AT THE PAVILION - EVERYONE WELCOME!!

**Sunday, June 18th - 11:00**

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

**Sunday, July 4th - Gypsy Hill Park**

RIDE ON THE FLOAT OR WALK ALONGSIDE!!

**Sunday, July 9th - 11:00**

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

**Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming**

**Sunday, September 24th -**

Last Sunday in Outside Worship

**Every Thursday - 6:30**

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## YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday  
of each month.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday  
of each month.

## ELDERS

Dave Schooley  
CLERK OF SESSION  
& CO-CHAIR

Cindy Almarode  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHAIR  
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode  
TRANSITION CHAIR  
TEMPORARY SUPPLY PASTOR

Tammy Barbour  
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash  
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS CHAIR  
CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACONS

Penny Lee  
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CHAIR

Brian Lee  
YOUTH CHAIR  
& CO-CHAIR

Bob Olson  
NOMINATING CHAIR  
WITNESS CHAIR

Dale Thompson  
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Tim Turner  
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Jill Webb

## DEACONS

Ellen Fitzgerald  
Charlie Johnson  
Mitch Lathrop  
Harleigh Lee  
Katie McElveen  
D.W. Miller

## TRUSTEES

Guy D. Brooks  
Bill Brubeck  
Charlie Johnson  
Billy Wade  
James Williams

## CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley  
PIANIST, ORGANIST  
BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Lois Stogdale  
DISBURSING TREASURER

Kay Thompson  
RECEIVING TREASURER

John & Donna Bush  
CUSTODIANS

Carol & Puggie Sprouse  
CUSTODIANS