



PENTECOST SUNDAY • MAY 28TH 2023 • 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements David Schooley

Invocation & Lord's Prayer David Schooley

Call to Worship David Schooley

Leader: We gather today in remembrance of our loss and also in our hope.

People: **We remember with sadness those we have loved and lost.**

Leader: Lord, help us not to glorify the conflicts and violence they bring, which tears us apart.

People: **Lets us however, give Glory to God, who calls us to use our freedom peacefully.**

Leader: Help us Lord to remain vigilant in our duty to you and guard against false witness or tyranny

Everyone: **May our worship today be in remembrance of You our Lord and Savior, and also in those who we have lost their lives in the protection of our freedom. May we join in unity rather than in division, in your Holy name. AMEN**

† *Opening Hymn* *My Country Tis of Thee - Verses 1 & 4* . Recorded by JoAnn Pendley

† *Prayer of Confession* David Schooley

God, you are our shepherd, and still we want. We lie down in soft a plush pasture when we could act, we stir the pot when we could offer peace. We walk along personal paths instead of following you, on the path you have beset before us. We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you. We hate our enemies and refuse to compromise with them, thus, we never break bread together in thy name. Lord, we pray for your forgiveness, for your goodness, and your mercy. We ask this forgiveness so we might dwell in you, be in the presence your grace, and live in your goodness, for in you Lord, we find peace. Amen.

† *Moment of Silent Confession* David Schooley

† *Assurance of Forgiveness* David Schooley

† *Please stand - in body or spirit* Elder Dave Schooley, Worship Leader Elder Derek Almarode, Temp Supply Pastor

Children's Time *Courageousness is why she flies!* {Psalm 27:14} Derek Almarode
5¢ a Meal Offering
Honoring Our Fallen *Taps, Veteran & Flag Presentation* Derek Almarode
Prayer of Illumination Derek Almarode
Scripture Reading {Psalm 27} Derek Almarode
Sermon *Courageousness in the Lord* Derek Almarode
† *Hymn of Reflection* *Battle Hymn of Republic - Vs 1 & 4* Recorded by JoAnn Pendley
† *Acknowledgment of Our Faith* David Schooley

*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 *America The Beautiful - Vs 1 & 4* Don Moen
Charge and Benediction Derek Almarode

Lemonade
AT THE PAVILION
T O D A Y !

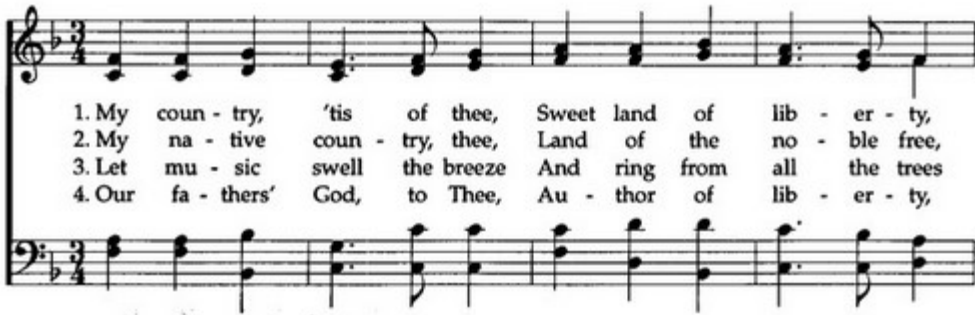
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
THE REST OF THE SUMMER

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MEMORIAL
DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR



My Country, 'Tis of Thee 807

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Proverbs 14:34



1. My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze And ring from all the trees
4. Our fa - thers' God, to Thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,



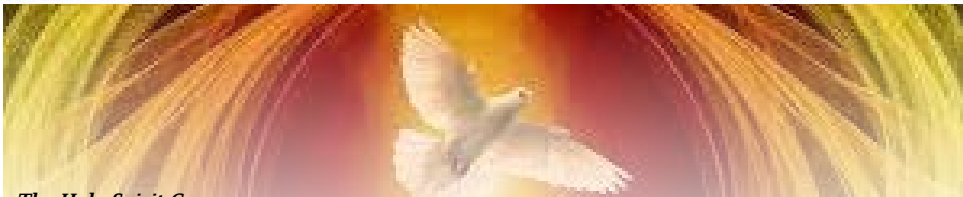
Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
Sweet free - dom's song: Let mor - tal tongues a - wake, Let all that
To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's



pil - grims' pride, From ev - ery moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring!
tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God, our King!

TEXT: Samuel F. Smith
MUSIC: *Thesaurus Musicus*, c. 1745

AMERICA
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The Holy Spirit Comes

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ²Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

BIBLE STUDY
AT BETHEL

EVERY THUR
@ 6:30

30 LESSON
STUDY ON THE
BOOK OF ACTS

JOIN US
ONE THURSDAY
OR
ALL OF 'EM!



BIBLE
STUDY
PICNIC

THURSDAY
JUNE 8 @ 6:30
AT THE CHAPEL

Please let Derek
or Cindy know by
Sunday, May 28
for a count.

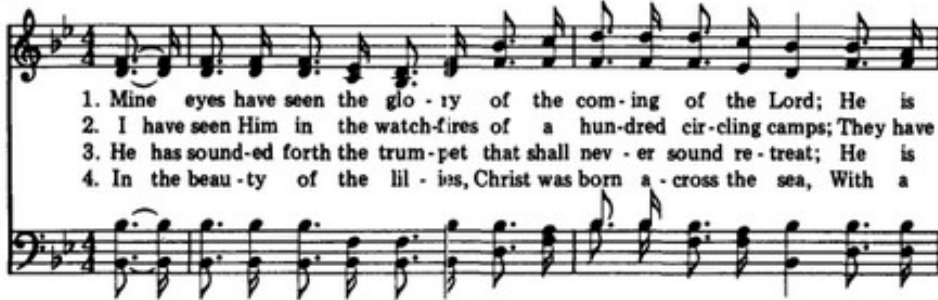
The picnic is hosted
by and a fundraiser
for the Women
of the Church.

Battle Hymn of the Republic 604

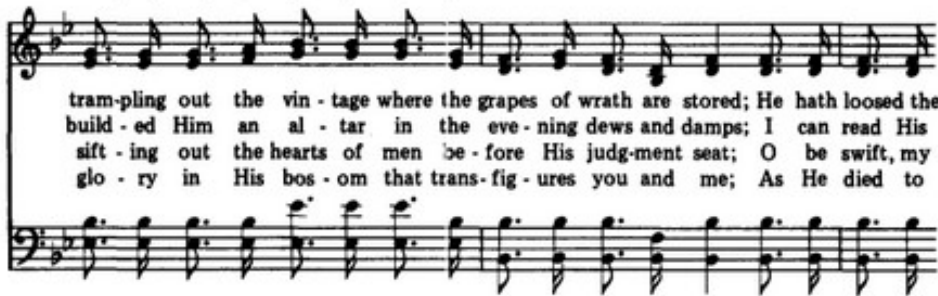
He is terrible to the kings of the earth. Psa. 76:12

JULIA WARD HOWE

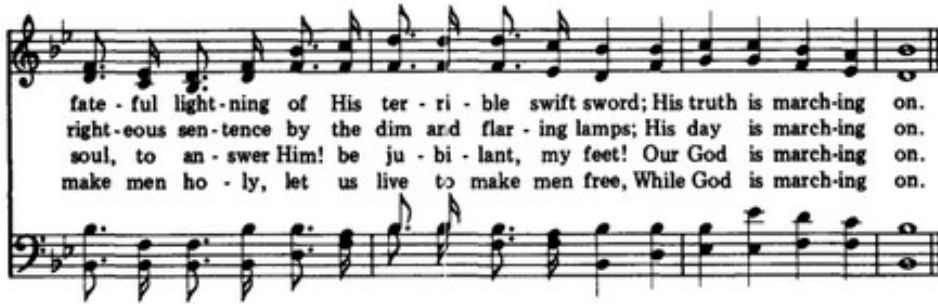
TRADITIONAL AMERICAN MELODY



1. Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord; He is
2. I have seen Him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps; They have
3. He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er sound re - treat; He is
4. In the beau - ty of the lil - ies, Christ was born a - cross the sea, With a




tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the
build - ed Him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps; I can read His
sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore His judg - ment seat; O be swift, my
glo - ry in His bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me; As He died to



fate - ful light - ning of His ter - ri - ble swift sword; His truth is march - ing on.
right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps; His day is march - ing on.
soul, to an - swer Him! be ju - bi - lant, my feet! Our God is march - ing on.
make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free, While God is march - ing on.



Refrain
Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry! glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Our God is march - ing on.



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).

America, the Beautiful 572

Show proper respect to everyone . . . fear God. 1 Pet. 2:17

- 1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
 2. O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern im-pas-sioned stress
 3. O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4. O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years

For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 A thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!
 Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!
 Think al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, Un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea! *sea!
 Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law!
 Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-ery gain di-vine!
 And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!

*Opt. segue to "God of Our Fathers"

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 Lord's 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 | Ronnie Wilson
John Pilson | Jane Law | Louise Hoy | Bunny Hearn
Ashley Kellogg & Matt Cloonan | John & Stephanie Davis
John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh | Jarod Davis
Blakeleigh Thompson daughter of Dan & Julie Thompson
Bethany Moore | Sara Moore | Hannah Harris | Peter Marks
Odell Smith |

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell | Jack Turner | Joe Condro
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

21ST
MAY



ATTENDANCE

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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
Presbyterians

Welcome
HOME

ELDER ON CALL

Derek Almarode
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WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for May 21st
\$4,113.00





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, May 28th TODAY!!
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

Saturday, July 22nd
DINNER AND A MOVIE

Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming

Sunday, September 24th -
Last Sunday in Outside Worship

Every Thursday - 6:30
BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL
30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

dinner
AND A MOVIE

Hosted by the
Men of the Church
Saturday, July 22nd

YOUTH COMMITTEE
Meets the last Sunday
of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE
Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month.

ELDERS

Dave Schooley
CLERK OF SESSION
S&F 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
S&F 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