

Welcome to Bethany's time of  
**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 14, 2023

**“We are Called”**

*Verse 1*

We are called (We are called)  
We are claimed (We are claimed)  
We are loved (We are loved)  
By the Holy Name  
We are healed (We are healed)  
We are whole (We are whole)  
The Savior ransomed our soul.

*Refrain*

And we're singin'  
Glory, glory, glory, hallelujah, Glory, Glori-a-a-a-a  
Glory, glory, glory, hallelujah, Glory, Glori-a.

*Verse 2*

We are here (We are here)  
To proclaim (To proclaim)  
God is here (God is here)  
Calls us each by name.  
We are here (We are here)  
To give praise (To give praise)  
The love of God will not change. *Refrain*

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**REMEMBERING BETHANY'S MISSION**

P: As a community, gathered by God's great grace,  
we seek to live our mission of:

**C: being, living as, and making disciples of  
Jesus Christ.**

**WELCOME  
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

**TEMPLE TALK**

**“Trading My Sorrows”**

I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame.  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain,  
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

*Refrain*

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord  
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen.

*Bridge*

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned  
Struck down, but not destroyed.  
I am blessed beyond the curse,  
for His promise will endure  
That His joy's gonna be my strength.

Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes in the morning.

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**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

Almighty and ever living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**BIBLE READINGS**

*Acts 17: 22-31 & 1 Peter 3: 13-22*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**LITANY FOR MOTHERS AND  
WOMEN OF FAITH**

- L: Blessing and honor to our God of love!  
**C: Praise the Lord who gives the world women of faith.**
- L: We thank you, Lord, for Eve,  
**C: the mother of all the living.**
- L: For Sarah, the mother of many peoples,  
**C: who reminds us of the promises of God.**
- L: For Mary, the mother of your Son Jesus,  
**C: who brought into this world our Savior.**
- L: For the women who came to the tomb on Easter,  
**C: who were the first to proclaim the news of resurrection.**
- L: For godly women in this and every place—  
mothers, grand-mothers, wives, aunts,  
sisters, daughters, teachers, friends,  
**C: we give you thanks and praise!**
- L: Gracious God, we give you thanks for  
blessing us with mothers and all who offer  
motherly care. We praise you for  
sending us foster mothers, adopted aunts,  
mentors, leaders, child care workers, nursery  
attendants, and all women in this  
congregation who worship you and care for  
others and try to live faithfully. Let your  
name be glorified in their lives. Uphold  
them with your strength, guide them with  
your wisdom, and renew them in your grace.  
Let our birth families, our adoptive families,  
and our faith families receive your guidance,  
that we might love as Jesus loved us.  
**C: Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Agape Road  
"Live Christ"**

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**  
(Words on Screen)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Petitions end, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Congregation sings:*

The Spirit intercedes for us  
With sighs too deep For words to express

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**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 temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**"Thy Word"**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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And a light unto my path

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**GOSPEL READING**

*John 14: 15-21*

**MESSAGE**

**COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor continues with thanksgiving  
and the Words of Institution*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**"Be Unto Your Name"**

*Verse 1*

We are a moment, You are forever  
Lord of the ages, Lord before time  
We are a vapor, You are eternal  
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

*Refrain*

Holy, holy, Lord God almighty  
Worthy is the lamb who was slain  
Highest praises honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

*Verse 2*

We are the broken, You are the healer  
Jesus redeemer, mighty to save  
You are the love song we'll sing forever  
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Refrain*

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**BLESSING**

**"Put Your Hand in the Hand"**

*Refrain*

Put your hand in the hand of the man  
who stilled the water.  
Put your hand in the hand of the man  
who calmed the sea.  
Take a look at yourself and  
you can look at others differently,  
By puttin' your hand in the hand  
of the man from Gallilee.

Every time I look into the Holy Book  
I wanna tremble.  
When I read about the part where a  
carpenter cleared the temple.  
For the buyers and the sellers were no different fellas,  
than what I profess to be,  
And it causes me pain to know we're not the people  
we should be. *Refrain twice*

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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with enthusiasm!

C: **Thanks be to God! And we will!**

*In honor of this day, women will receive a  
gift at the door from our  
Children, Youth & Family Ministry Committee*