

Welcome to Bethany's time of  
**PRAISE & WORSHIP**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 18, 2025**

***“Rise Up and Praise Him”***

Let the heavens rejoice  
Let the earth be glad  
Let the people of God sing his praise  
all over the land  
Everyone in the valley  
Come and lift your voice  
All those on the mountaintop  
be glad and shout for joy

***Refrain***

Rise up and praise Him, He deserves our love  
Rise up and praise Him, worship the Holy One  
With all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind  
Rise up and praise Him *Repeat*

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**EASTER SEASON PRAISE**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of  
God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**WELCOME!  
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS  
& ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION**

**TEMPLE TALK**

***“Be the Centre”***

***Verse 1***

Jesus, be the centre.  
Be my source, be my light. Jesus

***Verse 2***

Jesus, be the centre.  
Be my hope, be my song. Jesus

***Refrain***

Be the fire in my heart. Be the wind in these sails.  
Be the reason that I live. Jesus, Jesus

***Verse 3***

Jesus, be my vision.  
Be my path, be my guide Jesus

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**RECOGNITION OF BETHANY  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

*After prayer & presentation of quilts, all speak these words:*

P: You are the salt of the earth;

**C: You are the light of the world.**

**Let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good works and  
give glory to your Father in heaven. Amen!**

**PRAYER FOR TODAY**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions  
gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent  
gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may  
know goodness 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 11: 1-18*

*John 13: 31-35*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: Agape Road  
“Draw Me Close”**

**THE NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation He came down from  
heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again, in accordance  
with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. →→

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Response after each petition:*

**L:** Lord in your mercy, **C:** **hear our prayer.**

## **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, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## ***"Open the Eyes of My Heart"***

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see you, I want to see you. *(Repeat)*

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## **BIBLE READING**

*Revelation 21: 1-6*

## **MESSAGE**

## ***"O Worship the King"***

### *Verse 1*

O Worship the King, all glorious above  
O gratefully sing, His wonderful love  
Our shield and defender our ancient of days  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

### *Verse 2*

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace  
Whose robe is the light and canopy space  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

### *Refrain*

You alone are the matchless King.  
To You alone be all majesty.  
Your glories and wonder what tongue can recite?  
You breathe in the air  
You shine in the light.

### *Verse 3*

O measureless might, ineffable love  
While angels delight to worship above  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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## **BLESSING**

***"GO!"***

### *Refrain*

Go out and pray like it all depends on prayer,  
Go out and work like it all depends on work,  
Go out and love till the final day that He comes.  
Go out and sing the greatest song you know,  
Go out and study His word so we all can grow,  
Into the fullness of the likeness of His Son.

God is calling us to pray, God is calling us to work  
God is calling us to love and sing and study His word  
Disciples now it's time to 1 2 3 4 GO!

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord, with enthusiasm!  
**C:** **Thanks be to God! And we will!**