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Sunday, April 26, 2020



God Our Creator, Christ Our Redeemer, Humankind Our Family



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Worship Celebration

"Ordinary People Doing Extra Ordinary Things In Ordinary Times"
Philippians 3:14

Praise and Worship

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Call To Celebration

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet

shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:1)

People: For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a door-

keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

(Psalm 84:10)

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good. (Psalm 122:9)

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord, shall flourish in the courts of

our God. (Psalm 92:13)

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house, Lord, I have loved thy habitation, the

place where thy honor dwelleth. (Psalm 84:4)

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

(Habakkuk 2:20)

Minister: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy

sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make

a joyful noise unto the Lord, and all the earth sing His praises. (Psalm 98:1,4)

Opening Hymn:

Opening Prayer

Music of Inspirational

Scripture Lesson: Acts 12: 1-11

From All That Dwell Below The Skies

From all that dwell below the skies, Let the Creator's praise arise. Let the Redeemer's name be sung. Through every land by every tongue.

The Contemporary Decalogue:

Leader: Let us express our commitment to keep God's law.

People: God of our salvation, only you are God. We will make no idols. We will not invoke with malice Your name, O God. We will remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy. We will honor our father and our mother. We will not commit murder. We will not commit adultery. We will not steal. We will not bear false

witness. We will not covet anything that belongs to our neighbor.

People: (Singing) Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. My soul be on thy guard, ten thousand foes arise. A host of sins are pressing hard to draw me from thy side

Leader: Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

People: (Singing) Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Leader: Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

People: Jesus also challenged us with a sacred commandment which is like the first: We shall love our neighbor as our self! On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

(Decalogue by Bishop Jeffery Leath).

The GLORIA PATRI

All: (Singing) Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Rhema Word Pastor Calloway
"Break Every Chain" Acts 12: 1-11

Invitation To Christian Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith/Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology / Benediction

You have come to worship, now leave to serve!

Heavenly Father, empower us by Your Spirit to let our lights shine!! May others see Your Son in our good works and give glory to You.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thought to Remember:

Obeying the righteous God of justice blesses ourselves and others. .

Weekly prayer from the Church School Standard Lesson Commentary

The Evangelistic Corner The Way Of Salvation

- All have sinned (Romans 3:23).
- The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).
- Christ died for our sins (Romans 5:8).
- If we confess and believe that God raised Jesus from the dead we shall be saved (Romans 10 :9-10).

Sinners Prayer

Jesus I know that I am a sinner and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead.

I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and my life. I want to trust You and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your name, Amen

Vísít **Coronavirus.LACity.org/Testing** to find out if you are eligible for free COVID-19 testing by the City of L.A. Schedule an appointment now.

Join Us For Church School

Justice And The Prophets
Unit 2: God Promises a Just Kingdom
Lesson 9: April 26, 2020
"A Justice Loving God"

Printed Text: Isaiah 61: 8-11; 62: 2-4A

The lesson today identifies the everlasting covenant. Were you able to identify the everlasting covenant? If not reread your lesson.

Join us in Church School!

Church School is held each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Adult Department: Class # 4 receives the Offering and the Attendance Banner from Class # 2.

Youth Department: The Junior Class retains the Offering Banner and the Senior High Class retains the Attendance Banner.



A Test Of Your Knowledge Of The Bible

- **1.** At what age did Jesus begin his ministry?
- (a) 18, (b) 20, (c) 25, (d) 30
- 2. Who came to Jesus at night to hear his teaching?
- (a) Zacchaeus, (b) Barnabas, (c) Nicodemus, (d) Lazarus
- **3.** From what mountain did Jesus describe the signs of the times and the end of the age?
- (a) Mount Carmel, (b) Mount Moriah, (c) Mount of Olives, (d) Mount Sinai
- 4. When Herod heard of the works of Jesus, who did he think it was?
- (a) God himself, (b) John the Baptist, (c) A charlatan, (d) A deceiver
- 5. What did Jesus say the leaven of the Pharisees was?
- (a) Bread for to idols, (b) Hypocrisy, (c) Rotten yeast, (d) None of the above
- 6. At which well did Jesus talk with a Samaritan woman?
- (a) Abraham's, (b) Isaac's, (c) Esau's, (d) Jacob's
- 7. What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment of the law?
- (a) Love the Lord thy God, (b) Love your neighbor as yourself, (c) Keep the Sabbath day, (d) Do not kill
- 8. How many swine died when Jesus permitted demons to possess them?
- (a) 100, (b) 1000, (c) 2000, (d) 3000
- 9. What surprised a Pharisee when Jesus ate dinner at his house?
- (a) Jesus didn't wash His hands, (b) Jesus ate meat from an unclean animal,
- (c) Jesus healed a paralytic, (d) Jesus didn't eat anything
- **10.** From which book did Jesus read when He went into the synagogue at Nazareth?
- (a) Jeremiah, (b) Isaiah, (c) Ezekiel, (d) The Psalms

Praise His blessed name forever! There is none that can compare to the glories of a contact with the mighty God through prayer.

Join Us Throughout The Week

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Sunday	9:30-10:45am: Sunday School 10-10:45am: New Members Class
Monday	Sabbath Rest
Tuesday	
Wednesday	 12 pm: Bible Study 6-7:30 pm: Kirkland Academy Tutoring 6-7p.m. Free N One Recovery Ministry 7pm: Cease Fire Committee
Thursday	10a-12n Line Dancing 6-7pm: Phenomenal Women's Bible Study 7pm: Mass Choir Rehearsal 7pm: Male Chorus Rehearsal (Rehearsals 1st Thursday after 1st Sunday)
Friday	
Saturday	9am-12:30pm: LA Bridge Conservatory

Tithing Guide

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Income	Tithes	
\$100	\$10	
\$250	\$25	
\$500	\$50	
\$1,000	\$100	
\$1,500	\$150	
\$2,000	\$200	

O.T. Mal. 3: 8-10

N.T. 2 Cor. 9:6-8

N.T. Matthew 22:21

Read the Bible in <u>One</u> Year!

Sunday 04/26/2020

Psalm 73/77-78

Monday 04/27/2020

1Chronicles 6

Tuesday 04/28/2020

Psalm 81/77/92-93

Wednesday 04/29/2020 1Chronicles 7-10

Thursday 04/30/2020

Psalm 102-104

Friday 05/01/2020

2Samuel 5:1-10; 1Chronicles 11-12

Saturday 05/02/2020

Psalm 133

Answers to A Test Of Your Bible Knowledge:

- **1. d.** (Luke 3: 22-23)
- **2. c.** (John 3: 1-2)
 - **c.** (Matthew 24:3)
- **b.** (Mark 6:14)

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- **5**. **b**. (Luke 12:1)
- **6. d.** (John 4:6-7)
- **7. a.** (Matthew 22: 34-38)
- **8. c.** (Mark 5:13)
 - **a.** (Luke 11: 37-38)
- **10. b.** (Luke 4: 16-17)



"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus"

Philippians.4:19 NKJV

At Bethel LA you have several opportunities to support the ministries of the church. You can support our kingdom work by giving online, debit/credit card, cash or check.



- 1. Download the Givelify APP on your iPhone or Android phone. .
- 2. Search for and select Bethel AME Church, and then select or enter the amount of your contribution.
- 3. You will need a Gmail user ID and password if you have an Android phone or an Apple user ID and password on your iPhone.

Clover Station (Debit/Credit Card Giving)

You can support the ministries of Bethel LA by debit or credit card giving.

- 1. Complete your offering envelope,
- 2. Take your envelope and your debit/credit card to the Clover Station (before worship in the narthex or during the ministry of giving in worship).



3. Sign your receipt and put it in your offering envelope and then place in the offering receptacle.

Cash/Check Giving

Complete your offering envelope, insert your cash or check and place in the offering receptacle in worship during the ministry of giving.

20/40 Stewardship Strategy

The vision of Bethel's 20/40 Stewardship Strategy is to supplement support of our Connectional Ministries as well as supporting new and existing local ministries. We are asking 100 members to prayerfully consider giving \$20.00 per week for 40 weeks above their normal giving. Make your commitment to this ministry today.

Steps of Faith Sacrificial Giving Ministry

The Steps of Faith Giving Ministry is a weekly sacrificial offering of \$25, \$10 or \$5 to meet the ongoing ministry obligations of the church and to establish reserves for necessary maintenance.

Bill Buster Ministry

The Bill Buster Ministry is a Stewardship Strategy of Bethel LA that provides members the opportunity to give a restricted contribution to the church for a designated account payable (bill) of the church. Become a Bethel Bill Buster today! For more information on this Stewardship opportunity contact the church business manager Harriet Whitmore at (310) 978-3829.

Prayer Is A Powerful Weapon

We Welcome YOU in 2020 to take advantage of the

Bethel AME Church



War Room

Open Sundays
7:30am - 12:30p m
It is a DEDICATED place for You to
PRAY AND COMMUNICATE with God.

REMEMBER:

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

10 Comforting Bible Verses To Read During COVID-19

- 1. Deuteronomy 31:8
- 2. Psalms 27:1
- 3. Psalms 46:1-2
- 4. John 14:27
- 5. Acts 2:25-28

- 6. Romans 8:15
- 7. Romans 8:37-3
- 8. Philippians 4:8-9
- 9. Hebrews 13:5-6
- 10. Revelation 21:3-6

Information provided by Mrs. Deborah Williams

Be As An Eagle

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks?

The eagle will fly to a higher spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, the eagle sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring high above it. The eagle does not escape the storm, it simply uses the storm to lift it higher.

The eagle rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storm of life come upon us, and all of us have experienced that at one time, we can rise above by setting our minds and beliefs toward God. The storms do not over come us. We must allow God's power to lift us above them.

God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that brings sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above those storms. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle the situation at hand.

The Bible says, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint". Isaiah 40:31

Sick & Shut-In and Request For Prayers:

Mrs. Marian Washington

Mrs. Doris Presley

Mrs. Roberta Lynch

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph and Juanita Gardner

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas and Betty Ross

Ms. Katie Covington

Mr. Nathaniel Harris

Mrs. Ida Taylor .

Mrs. Vel Charles

Mr. Harry Thorn

Mrs. Julee Long

Mr. Curtis Phillips (Husband of Mrs. Judy Phillips)

Mrs. Evelyn Woods (sister-in-law of Melvin & Renee Taylor)

Ms. Doris Adams & Mr. Ernest King (niece of Harry & Mary Thorn)

Mrs. Lois Bush

Mrs. Ethel Simpson (sister-in-law of Nevada Williams) in Riverside, CA.

Mrs. Elaine Meggs

Ms. Katrina Byrd (niece of Mrs. Barbara Allen) .

Mrs. Patricia "Pat" Campbell

Mrs. Jerry Craig

Mr. Seanald "Sean" Davis (son of Mrs. Katie Davis)

Mrs. Violet Hall

Mrs. Carolyn Haynes (Mother of Veronica Rhone).

Mr. Nelson Jones

Mrs. Lizzie Kelly (Mother of Josie Anderson)

Mrs. Vera Lyles-Jordan

Mrs. Dorothy May (mother of Ms. Loretta Moore) in Lancaster, CA.

Mrs. Lillie Redix

Ms. Leavon Spires

Mrs. Rachel Thomas (Margaret Jeter's sister)

Mrs. Juanita Williams

Ms. Shermeta Levy & Ms. Regina Stifter (friends of "Ann" Smith.)

Mr. Trevor Rucker (friend of Alice Moore) .

Ms. Teri Malbrough (friend of Joycelyn Fisher)

The Bethel LA Church Family wishes a very Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Stella Parker (04/27); Mr. Artis Rutledge (04/27); Ms. Barbara Wilson (04/27); Mrs. Gertrude Petties (04/29);

Meetings and Events at Bethel:

***** All Meetings and Events held at Bethel LA must be scheduled through the Church Office. Email bethelamechurchla@gmail.com ****

During the Coronavirus pandemic, we will heed the advice of our healthcare professionals, the Center For Disease Control and our elected officials.

Meetings that are deemed to be necessary can be conducted through conference calls which will be arranged by the organization/auxiliary chairperson/president.

TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS

Until further notice, the Technology for Seniors Class will be using Zoom to provide online training. Zoom is an online learning platform. Additional information forthcoming.



The Bethel Community Mental Health Counseling Center

Bethel Community Mental Health Counseling Center provides mental health services in a community-based setting. Individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, couples counseling, psychological and educational testing and evaluation, case management and other related services are offered.

All services are designed to promote individual and community health and well being.

To schedule an appointment please call 323-641-9250

The God who protected Daniel from the lions is the same God who will protect you and your family from the virus and any disease.



Working From Home Is Still Working. Take Your Vacation.

For those privileged enough to do so, staying at home during the coronavirus pandemic also means working from home. Whether it's in a dedicated room, on a bed with pillows for a desk, or at a coffee table with an extension cord, we're essentially living in our workplace. Add to the mix children, spouses or partners and pets, all with their own needs and anxieties and there's no defining line between where we live and where we earn a living.

Yet it doesn't matter whether you're wearing a suit or sweatpants, working from home is still work. Take your vacation!

For those working from home, the length of the average workday in the United States has jumped a stunning 40%, from 8 hours to 11 hours a day according to NordVPN, a company that specializes in digital privacy. That's the greatest increase worldwide since stay-at-home orders became the norm. On average the at home work day can start 2 hours earlier.

When commuting now means moving from one room to another – if at all - that extra time is usually filled with work. However grounding it may seem, it can also be an unexpected grind.

If you have paid vacation time, you should count your blessings. Nearly 25% of workers in America have no compensated time off, according to the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR). Here vacation time is negotiated and regarded as a perk bequeathed by employers.

Even those with paid vacation time rarely take all of it. In a 2019 report, CEPR called the United Sates "No-vacation nation". According to the US Travel Association, workers left 768 million days of paid time off unused in 2018, with more than 55% of Americans neglecting to use all of their vacation time.

This fixation with work comes with consequences. A WebMD survey found that 40% of respondents said they suffered from work-related stress; 25% named work as their leading cause of stress. It's already well documented that stress has an impact on our physical and mental health. And that was before coronavirus upended every aspect of our lives.

In 5 weeks about 26 million people have filed unemployment claims. If workers generally felt uncomfortable about taking vacation before, those who still have jobs may feel that taking a break now, even when they are entitled it it is foolhardy and indulgent.

With many of us sheltering at home during this pandemic, vacation is likely the last thing on our minds. Time away from work is necessary self-care. Any planned break affords us a period of rejuvenation and that replenishment can lead to more productivity back on the job. It is nourishment for our souls, professionally as well as personally. Taking a break can also alleviate the inevitable burnout some are likely experiencing.

For the duration of this public health crisis, many employers will get more, much of it unpaid, from their workers. We are at home, but this is not a sabbatical. Don't leave your vacations on the table. You've worked for it and it is owed to you. In these difficult and disorienting times, a vacation taken is not a vacation wasted.

Information from WebMD

Bethel AME LA Offering By Text

We want to make it easy for you to give to Bethel AME Church LA. Please follow the instructions below.

1. On your cell phone Click on the Messages icon

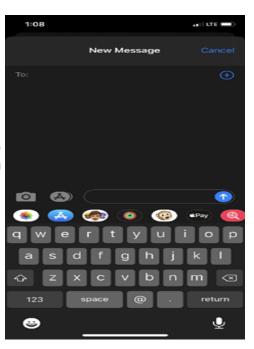


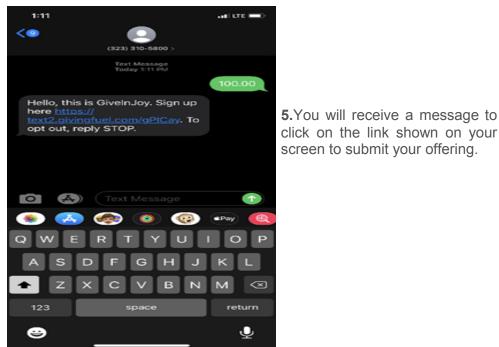
2. Click on the create a new message icon

(depends on your phone this icon may look different from what is shown, it could be the same shape as the messages icon.)



- 3. Enter the number (323) 310-5800 in the TO or Recipient space,
- 4. Enter your offering amount in the bottom message section, and click on the green send arrow.







- 6. The next screen will show the amount you entered and ask for you to identify how you want your offering applied.
- At "Select Fund" click on the down arrow and complete. Also indicate if you want this as a one time or recurring donation.
- 7. Scroll down and fill out the billing information: your name, Debit/Credit or Checking account, street address, etc.
- 8. Click on Safely Send.

Required Information is followed by an asterisk *.

Where's My Check?

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the IRS have launched two online tools to try and answer that guestion.

If you filed your 2018 or 2019 taxes: The "Get My Payment" web page allows taxpayers who filed their tax return in 2018 or 2019 to track the status of their payment, and to provide direct deposit banking information if the IRS does not have it. If you receive an error message or have questions, check the IRS Economic Impact Payment Information Center for Frequently Asked Questions. Please note that due to a high volume of visitors, the website may be slow to load.

If IRS does not have your bank information, you should expect to receive a paper check in the mail, though generating those payments will take several weeks. The "GetMyPayment" page should be able to tell you whether a check is being mailed to you. The Washington Post reports that millions of physical checks may be delayed because the Treasury Department has ordered President Trump's name be printed on each check.

OFFICIAL CITY GUIDANCE



Angelenos should wear non-medical face coverings when in public

Face coverings can be made using a scarf or extra cloth, and should be used in addition to physical distancing. Medical-grade and N95 masks are reserved for medical workers and first responders.

After many weeks of being told not to bother wearing face masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the non-symptomatic public is being instructed by local officials to wear coverings over their noses and mouths when performing essential tasks outside their homes. (*Not* medical grade masks-front-line workers need those.)

Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the measure in his daily COVID-19 update on April 1, 2020 and as of Friday, April 10, 2020 mandated that a mask/nose and mouth covering must be worn outside of your residence. Especially whenever entering an establishment that is open for business. If you are not wearing a mask/nose and mouth covering, the business has the right to refuse your entry.

People with sewing machines are churning out masks you can buy online, but there are also plenty of DIY ways to make one even if you don't know from a bobbin. One requires only a bandana and two rubber bands. Don't have a bandana or scarf handy? You can very easily make one if you have a T-shirt and a decent pair of scissors. One of these versions will suffice next time you have to head to Trader Joe's or Vons.

Whatever you do, **do not buy up N95 masks**. Leave them for the people who really need them, the health care professionals.



Coordinated by Falcon Basic Needs

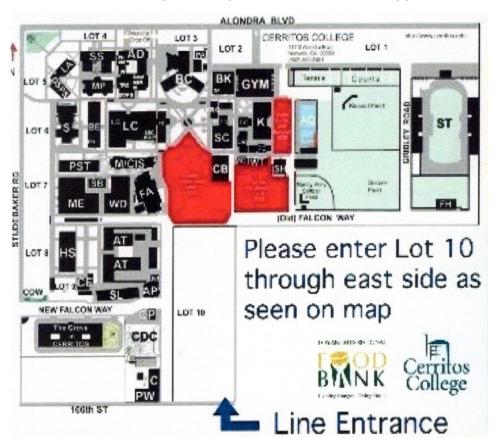


LA Regional Food Bank Drive-Thru Food Distribution

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Limited walk-up service available for those without cars. No parking will be allowed on campus, those driving cannot leave their vehicles.

Over 30 lbs. of food provided per household, while supplies last.



Critical Delivery Service



Temporary delivery program for older and dependent adults

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the California Safer at Home Initiative, our aging population has an increased need for timely delivery services. WDACS has launched a temporary delivery program called Critical Delivery Services (CDS) to deliver food and other vital items to individuals who are unable to leave their homes due to COVID-19.

Who qualifies for delivery services?

Delivery services are reserved for those who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Aged 60 years and older
- Individual with a permanent or temporary disability
- Dependent Adults (aged 18-59 years)

Once items are ready for pick-up, call 888-863-7411. Deliveries can be made:



24 hours a day



7 days a week

What can be delivered?





Groceries

Household Items



Vital Necessities

Per month, individuals can recieve up to:



Four (4) deliveries or



40 miles worth of deliveries

How can deliveries be scheduled?



Call 888-863-7411 to request delivery service



Order items for delivery via online/ phone and provide payment for items to the pick-up location



Critical Delivery Service Coordinator will schedule a taxi driver to deliver your items to you



Critical Delivery Service Coordinator will call you back to confirm the delivery has been scheduled



To schedule deliveries, call hotline M-F, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Same day deliveries are available only during schedule hours.