

We welcome the Bethany Christian School Concert Choir, along with their families and friends. In heaven above and earth below, fixing our eyes on the eternal.

Encounter

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Song *For the Beauty of the Earth* HWB 89

Call to Worship

O Living God of past and future,
we praise you for this present moment.

Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit,

that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus,
in whom we become your new creation.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Offering and Offertory

Engaging

Congregational Singing

I want Jesus to walk with me HWB 439
Come and fill our hearts STJ 59
Until All Are Fed

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21

Sisters and brothers, let us rejoice in the vision of John:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

Then I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, descending from God out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband.

A great voice thundered from heaven:
"See, God is making God's home with mortals!
God will live with them. They will be God's people.

**God will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. All of this – gone forever!"**
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen.

Children's Time

Message *In Heaven Above and Earth Below*
Bethany Christian Concert Choir

Empower

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song *Soon and very soon* HWB 611

Blessing

Behold: there is a new heaven,
a new earth and a new city,
where the river of life flows,
where the tree of life bears fruit in every season.

**This heaven, this city, this river, this tree
are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed.**
**Thanks be to God! Let us go to be a part of Your vision
for the world.**

Revelation 21 (NIV)

A New Heaven and a New Earth

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’” 5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” 6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.



In Heaven Above and Earth Below

Worship Leader	Steve Hochstetler Shirk
Music Leader	Brook Hostetter Gonzalez
Prelude	Sophia Sherrill
Offertory	Quartet from choir
Children’s Time	Naomi Yoder
Message	Bethany Christian School Concert Choir

February 17, 2019
10:30 a.m. Worship
East Goshen Mennonite Church