Song Card for Bethel Meeting Songs

"Open the Gates of the Bethel"

Open, Open, Open the gates of the Bethel Open the gates of the Bethel. (8 counts)
Open the gates of the Bethel with joy as we sing our sweet lay.
Open your hearts oh ye Daughters,
That Love may enter today.
Hark to the sounds of rejoicing
As Love, Peace, and Joy ever reign.
Voices with gladness and rapture
Are swelling, are swelling
And carry the happy refrain.
Voices with gladness and rapture
Are swelling with Joy, with Joy again.

Open the gates of the Bethel
For the fairest Daughters today.
Open your hearts to the savior,
That Love dwells with us always
Praying for meekness and Patience
With Faith in the Lord Divine.
Voices with gladness and rapture
Are swelling, are swelling
In tune with the heavenly chime.
Voices with gladness and rapture
Are swelling with Joy, with Joy sublime

"The Star Spangled Banner"

(traditional)

"Bethel Flag Song"

This beautiful symbolic flag shall in each Bethel stand, an emblem of our order for the fairest in the land.
We love the purple and the white, We'll keep our flag unfurled, And hope, some day, to see it wave In peace throughout the world.

(Pledge of Secrecy for Adults)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God Almighty, Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty! God in three persons Blessed Trinity.

(Stations and Duties of Officers) Daughters only

"Behold, behold, We Are the Daughters of Job"

Behold, behold, we are the daughters of Job, The fairest, the fairest in all the land.

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known;
In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, Sweet hour of prayer!

Daughters only -

"Mothers', Fathers', and Guardians' Prayer Song"

Keep Thou our Mothers, Lord, safe in thy care, Be ever near to them, this is our prayer. Guide Thou our Fathers, and our Guardians, too May we their counsel seek in all we do.

Here at thy Altar, Lord, on bended knee, We ask that Thou will teach us so to be That when the Bethel door on high swings wide We'll gladly gather there close by Thy side.

"Now Our Work Is Over"

Now our work is over, Savior guide our hands. Daughters of the Bethel, fairest in the Land.

Dear Lord, give Thy children, calm and sweet repose. With Thy tend'rest blessing, May our Bethel close. A-men.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war. With the cross of Jesus, going on before; Christ the Royal Master, leads against the foe, Forward into battle, see his banners go! (Refrain)
Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the church of God, Brothers we are treading, where the saints have trod; we are not divided, all one body we; one in hope and doctrine, one in charity. (Refrain) Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Daughters in Living Cross only -

"Nearer, My God, To Thee"

Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to Thee! E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me, Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to Thee!

Or if on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upwards I fly Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

Songs for Initiation (only)

(regular meeting songs on other side)

(HQ: "Heed well what you shall hear.")

"Behold, We Are the Daughters of Job" (see other side)

after Pilgrim takes the Obligation - Daughters Only

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

Lord have mercy upon us And incline our hearts to keep this vow. A-men

After JP "...whom he called Jemima, Which means Dove."

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

Come Holy Spirit heav'nly Dove With all thy quick'ning pow'rs. Kindle a flame of sacred love In these young hearts of ours.

After SP "...whom he called Kezia, meaning 'Cassia', used in incense."

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, Oh, let me from this day be wholly Thine

Fifth Messenger "...will be know throughout the Land as true Daughters of Job."

"How Great Thou Art"

Oh, Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r throughout the Universe displayed Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

While signing Permanent Record book

"I Would Be True"

I would be true, for there are those who trust me. I would be pure for there are those who care. I would be strong for there is strength in loving. I would be brave for there is much to dare. I would be brave for there is much to dare.

I would be kind to all, the foe, the friendless. I would be giving and forget the gift. I would be humble for I know love strengthens. I would look up and laugh and love and lift. I would look up and laugh and love and lift.

After Guide and Marshal are seated at end of initiation:

"Welcome Song"

Welcome, welcome you are now Job's Daughters And the fairest in the land. In our Bethel you'll have friends and sisters who will lend a helping hand. Welcome, welcome to our Bethel, we're Job's Daughters kind and true. We're so glad you've come to join us And we hope you'll like us too.