

PRAYERS

ς Gordon Ekstrand

ς Michael

ς For all those who are without a home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ςAs of **January 30** our worship time begins at 1130 am.

ςToday, **February 20**, directly after worship, we will have an Ad Board meeting. All are welcome to stay and participate.

ςPrayer and Conversations Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Bethel; Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Woodrow.

ςWe are looking for people who were married at Bethel! Call us!

ς Mobile Pantry Tuesdays: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ς Offering: mail to church or give through the PAYPAL link on website.

PRELUDE

Bea Jay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Thom Shuman

We come, those who seek to trust in God.

We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

We would not worry, but open ourselves to God's heart.

We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

OPENING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" #102 UMH vs. 1, 2

Words: Martin Rinkart, 1663; trans. By Catherine Winkworth, 1858 Music: Johann Crüger, 1647 harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

OPENING PRAYER

<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayers.php?id=113>.

**O God, you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Thom Shuman

**In this season of light, Revealing God, we find ourselves wandering
the shadows of the world. In this time when we focus on Jesus'
ministry of healing, we hold tight to all those emotions – hatred, fear,
worry – which continue to damage us. In these days when we are
invited to listen to Jesus' teachings, we confess it is easier to hear the
seductive words of sin.**

**Forgive us, Resurrecting God, for trusting in promises which are
short-lived, rather than in your Word which endures forever. You
have sent Jesus before us so that, as we follow him, we might travel
from that far country of fear and doubt to that better country of
resurrection life.**

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thom Shuman

*Take delight in the good news, dear friends. Salvation is from our God,
who restores us to new life.*

God chooses to be gracious; God longs to give us our heart's desires;

God provides healing and hope to all. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

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. Amen

HYMN “*There is a Balm in Gilead*”

#375 UMH vs. 1, 3

Words & Music: Afro-American spiritual Adapt. And arr. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.
Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

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May this reading from Luke inspire us to live for love.

Thanks be to God!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. Bette Johnson Sohm

RESPONSE HYMN “*Jesu, Jesu*”

#432 UMH vs. 1, 2

Words: Tom Colvin, 1969 Music: Ghana folk song; arr. Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988 © 1969 & 1989 Hope Publishing Co.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,
neighbors are near and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

THE OFFERTORY

Bea Jay

DOXOLOGY

#95 UMH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GATHERING SONG *“Let There Be Peace On Earth”* #431 UMH

*Words & Music: Sy Miller & Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987 © 1955 Assigned to Jan-Lee
Music, © renewed 1983*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

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*Go now and give your life to the Lord. Trust in God and do good. Love
and bless everyone, even your enemies. Do not judge others, but be*

merciful and generous to all. Treat others and you would have them treat you.

And may God be quick to act on your behalf; May Christ Jesus raise you to new and everlasting life; And may the Holy Spirit go before you to prepare a place for you and provide for you.

**We go in peace,
and the sure knowledge that love is the heart of the matter.**

POSTLUDE

Bea Jay

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