

Bethel United Methodist Church
27 2022

FEBRUARY

PRAYERS

ς Gordon Ekstrand

ς Michael

ς Beth Shelby

ς *Saturday marked the 10th anniversary of the shooting death of Trayvon*

Martin. Let us pray for his family this day.

ς We pray for Ukraine.

From our webpage:

ς**2/22** Prayers for Corine Rogers and family in the loss of Chris Holly.

ς**2/24** GOD Blesses me with a life partner real soon in JESUS Name. I've been praying for this since 1995

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ςToday, **February 27**, directly after worship, we will have an Anniversary Planning meeting. All are welcome to stay and participate.

ςAsh Wednesday Worship **March 2** @ 7pm will be in person at St. Paul's UMC, 7558 Amboy Rd. Or you may live stream it here:

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/ZW4EharLZWf>

ςSunday, March 6, Finance meeting directly after worship

ςSunday, March 13, Trustee meeting directly after worship

ςSunday, March 20, Church Council meeting directly after worship

ς **Prayer and Conversations** Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Bethel;
Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm @ Woodrow.

ς We 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 (Based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2) by Carolyn W.
Dandridge

The veil of Moses has been lifted from our faces.

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed.

We gather today in hope, with bold spirits and renewed minds.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

We come to worship, expecting to see the glory of our Creator!

OPENING HYMN “*Resurrection Light*”

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Wake us, Jesus, from our dreams to see you in a holy light:
law and prophet, loving promise God has sent to guide us right.
As Elijah, call us Godward, speak the living truth to us.
As our Moses, lead us in our liberating exodus.

Wake us, Jesus, from our fear of pain and death, and from
our sin.

Grant that we may live illumined by the world you usher in.
All things shine with light reflected from the dawn that fills
our sight.

All of life is thus transfigured by your resurrection’s light.
Wake us, Jesus, from complacent dreaming on the mountain’s
height.

Teach us humble service: your departure is our guiding light.
Preach the gospel, feed the hungry, heal the broken, give them
sight.

Give your life, then find it, shining bright with resurrection light.

OPENING PRAYER

Shelley

Cunningham

**Radiant Lord, you shine with purity, power, and truth. Your
mercy reflects your compassion, your care, and your love.
Transform us into your image as we seek to follow you. Use
us to make your presence known throughout the world. In
your strong name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Thom Shuman

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows – yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!

Silent Prayers may be offered

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thom Shuman

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. 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 “*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*”

#404 UMH

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Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out his mouth came fire and
smoke.

All around me looks so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will
pray.

Jordan river runs right cold, chills the body, not the soul.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right
back.

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

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

Thanks be to God!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Rev. Bette

Johnson Sohm

RESPONSE HYMN “*This Little Light of Mine*”

#584

UMH vs. 1, 2

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This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine, (3X)

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go I'm goin'a let it shine, (3X)

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

THE OFFERTORY *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

Richard Bartels, soloist

Bea

Jay, piano

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

A PRAYER FOR TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

“Lord of the Mountaintop”

Safiya Fosua. © GBoD

Lord of the Mountaintop, God of dazzling clothes, be with us when we come down from the height of worship to face a world that didn't see what we just saw in you. Show us what to do. When demons rage though elementary schools let it not be said that your disciples could not cast the devil out. When violence threatens to engulf our communities let it not be said that your disciples cowered in fear or walked on the other side of the road. When there is peril or fire or flood, let it not be said that your disciples cleared the unwanted junk from their garages and called it charity....Lord of the Mountaintop experience, God of dazzling clothes show us how to be. Change us; transfigure us so that this world might see what we have just seen, and worship you. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR TRANSFER
RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION
COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Jan and Joan to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

GATHERING SONG *“Let There Be Peace On Earth”*

#431 UMH

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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.

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Go now and live your faith boldly as an open statement of God's truth. Keep nothing hidden, and refuse anything deceitful or manipulative. By God's mercy, engage in the ministry to which you have been called, and let the light of God's word shine brightly in you. And may God strengthen you and keep you safe; May Christ Jesus unveil your minds; And may the Holy Spirit transform you from glory to glory.

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

POSTLUDE

Bea Jay

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