

Bethel United Methodist Church
MARCH 6 2022

PRAYERS

ς The family of Gordon Ekstrand who passed away the evening of March

3. Visitation will be at Bedell-Pizzo on Tuesday March 8 2-4 pm &

6-9 pm. Service will be there at 10 am on Wednesday, followed by a graveside prayer at the cemetery.

ς Beth Shelby

ς Monica

ς We pray for Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ς Today, **March 6**, directly after worship, we will have a Finance Committee meeting. All are welcome.

ς Wednesday, **March 9**, Bethel Ladies Group meeting on ZOOM. Contact Barbara Bartels for the link.

ς Sunday, **March 13**, Trustee meeting directly after worship

ς Sunday, **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 Sundays in Lent @ 4 pm Devotional Study on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87516031052?pwd=RjkrVVNCR21LaUdFTDFraU5nRi9nZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 1603 1052 Passcode: 969270

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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

We come searching for God

But God is here. *God is everywhere.*

We yearn for God to know us

But God already knows. *We are all children of God.*

We come, yearning to return.

We come, looking for healing. *Loving Spirit, make us whole.*

OPENING HYMN “*Come Thou Almighty King*”

#61 UMH

Words: Anonymous Music: Felice de Giardini 1769 Public Domain

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!

Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.

Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

OPENING PRAYER

adapted from

Marcia McFee

Gracious God, in this moment, we begin the work of naming brokenness. Glass vessels on the worship center are shattered. Remnants. Pieces. We lay our broken world, broken lives before you for our journey of Lent. We trust in you O God, to heal us, to recreate us as creatures of rare beauty. Begin anew with us now. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Marcia McFee

Holy God, we come to you in pieces.

Fragments. Remnants. Broken shells of our past selves.

We feel distanced from you, and from the lives you call us to lead.

Distant. Disillusioned. Disobedient to your Spirit calling.

We confess the ways in which we have shattered others with our words, our actions.

Forgive us, Lord, for causing such pain. Please send your healing touch.

As we walk along the shores of Uncertainty and Pain, we ask that you meet us here.

Walk with us. Guide us. Restore us. Make us whole again. Amen.

Silent Prayers may be offered

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has searched us and knows us.

God heals us and forgives us. I declare to you that in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN “*Amazing Grace*”

Vs. 1, 3, 6

#378 UMH

Words: John Newton 1779; st. 6 anon.; Music: 19th Century USA melody; harm. by Edwin O Excell 1900

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;

he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm

139:1-4, 3-16

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

May these readings from the Psalms and Luke inspire us to live for love.

Thanks be to God!

THE WORD PROCLAIMED “Shattered” *Rev. Bette Johnson Sohm*

RESPONSE HYMN “*Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands*”

To the tune: #138 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Words by Fred Kahn © Hope Publishing Co.

Put peace into each other’s hands and like a treasure hold it, protect it like a precious gem, with tenderness enfold it.

See Jesus Christ in other’s hands, he is love’s deepest measure;

in love make peace, give peace a chance, and share it like a treasure.

THE OFFERTORY

Bea Jay

DOXOLOGY

#95 UMH

Praise God throughout these forty days.

Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.

And praise the Spirit who imparts

God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Members of the household of God, I commend Jean to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope,
and perfect her 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

adapted from June Christine Goudey, The Feast of Our Lives, The Pilgrim Press.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up as one.

Let us offer God our thanks and praise.

It is a good and joyful thing to praise the living God.

Come with open hearts to this table of resurrection!

God of necessary endings and new beginnings, you who speak and shape new worlds, you who bless and multiply life, receive our deep and joyful thanks for all your gifts.

Beloved Maker, in the beginning your creative hands and heart revealed your wondrous powers, and all of creation bowed in awe. Created female and male in your image, your earth creatures delighted in Eden's possibilities. All things seemed good, All things seemed holy.

And yet like so much in life it all seemed too much too soon.
We quickly learned the price of freedom, the risk of reaching
beyond our grasp, the meaning of sin.

You have made covenant to be our God but we so often turn
away from you. Together or alone we hunger for your goodness,
your deep communion, your lasting forgiveness, your amazing
grace.

Your sweetness lingers on our tongues, Holy One, your
faithfulness beckons us to start anew. As deep calls to deep with
gratitude and grace, we join with all of creation to sing your
praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed
is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

In word and story, in poem and prayer, in the rhythm of waves
and time, your hope comes.

Again and again Jesus reveals your loving ways, your righteous
judgments, your tender mercies. He touches us with love,
healing us, restoring us. Fully human, fully divine, beyond our
reach, yet near at hand.

As he gathered his friends at table, he gathers us in one faith,
one baptism, one hope.

We remember how he took bread, and having blessed and
broken it, gave it in the tenderest of manners, saying
“This is my life, given for you. Do this faithfully in
remembrance of me.”

In the same manner, he took the cup, and having given thanks,
gave it to them, saying

“This cup is the new covenant joining our life’s blood as one.
May you find forgiveness here.”

In eating and drinking together we receive Jesus’ love,
Transform our hearts, and imagine new futures.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, glory alleluia!

Christ will come once again, Alleluia, alleluia!

Come now, Holy Spirit; bless these prayers, this food and our
lives that we might be a blessing to one another and to your
greater glory. Brooding Spirit, life-giving Truth, send us forth to
the places we have feared to go. Create in us the treasure of
resurrected life. And dwell with us now and forever. **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**

SHARING BREAD AND CUP

GATHERING SONG “*Song of Hope (Canto de
Esperanza)*” #2186 TFWs

Words: Alvin Schutmaat Music; Argentine folk melody Irregular with Refrain Tune: Argentina

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with
all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear
Christ's call.

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*Go now, handing yourself over to Christ. Let God heal you and
make you holy, And share your story of healing and wholeness
with everyone who will listen.*

*And may God lift up the beauty that is within you; May Christ
Jesus help you to see yourself as a holy vessel; And may the
Holy Spirit use you to spread light and joy.*

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

POSTLUDE

Bea Jay

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