

Order of Worship
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 28, 10:45 AM

Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all and serves God in all it does.

Fanfare

The Chiming Hour While the chimes play, pray.

Lighting of the Candles Welcome God into our midst.

Prayer of Meditation – We are listening!

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** UMH #351 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” (vs. 1, 2)

***Greeting**

L. Come and listen for the One who calls us by name.

C. At the sound of our name, we remember it is God who provides.

L. When life is difficult, when life is glorious, God sustains us and loves us. We celebrate this love, and give thanks and praise to the One who walks with us.

Hymn UMH #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs. 1, 3)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious and loving God, we come with open hearts to see what you will do today. Help us recognize your presence when life takes twists and turns we do not expect or anticipate. Help us turn to you when we are weak and unsure of ourselves. Help us listen for your voice above all other voices. Most of all, help us follow Christ, your Son, and our redeemer. May we walk in his footsteps, that we might be perfected in your unconditional love. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Choir Anthem

God Moments on the Job

Lou Dolente

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (OT, page 462)

Children's Message

Joyce Shutt

Hymn FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

***Gospel Lesson** Mark 10:46-52 (NT, page 44)

Message

“Marriage is Music, Knowledge is Limited”

Pastor Hines

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

UMH #170 “O How I Love Jesus” (vs. 1, 3)

Sharing, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

***Passing the Peace** (Ushers, please come forward as people are seated)

Offering

Offertory “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV).

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** UMH #348 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” (vs. 1, 4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***indicates stand if able**

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR WORSHIP
8:30 am – Praise Service
9:30 am – Sunday School
10:45 am – Traditional Worship

Today a special offering is taken for our Zambian medical missionary, Fran Schroeder.

