

Order of Worship
7th Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019 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 – Your will be done, Lord.

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** FWS #2087 “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” (verses 1-2)

***Greeting**

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

C: We have come to follow Jesus.

L: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

C: We have come to follow Jesus.

L: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

C: We have come to follow Jesus.

L: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

C: We have come to follow Jesus.

L: Come and learn the ways of life.

UMH #576 “Rise Up, O Men of God ” (verses 1-4)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

Special Music #524 “Beams of Heaven as I Go” (verses 1-2)

Prayer for Illumination

O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As the scriptures are read, we will listen to your voice. By your Spirit, lead us out of our fears and into the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of our souls. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 40:1-8 (OT, page 486)

Children’s Message

Jeanne Haring
Hymn FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

New Testament Lesson Colossians 3:1-17 (NT, page 190)

Message

“Willing or Willful?”
Anne Hoffman, Christ Servant Minister

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

UMH #395 “Take Time to Be Holy” (verse 1)

Sharing, Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Offering *“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” (Hebrews 13:15-16 NIV)*

Offertory “Diversity Song—Do Not Judge” (video)

***Doxology** UMH #95

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** FWS #2087 “We Will Glorify the King of Kings” (verses 3-4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Indicates stand if able.**

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