

## Order of Worship

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent—March 31, 2019 10:45 AM

*Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the*

### Taking a Breather

As we gather together, we will use the first part of our service to slow down, to settle our souls so that we might reconnect with an "unhurried God."

*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** – I surrender all.

### Prelude

**Announcements & United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Video**

**\*Opening Hymn** *"Here I Am to Worship"* (song by Tim Hughes)

### \*Greeting

Voice 1: Oh, my, goodness! Look what I found on sale!!!

Voice 2: Oh I know. I need another one of those like I need a hole in the head BUT it was such a good deal!

Voice 3: Did you see the new version of that thing that just came out?

Voice 1: Wow. I'm so behind on the latest!

Voice 3: I signed up for auto-delivery so I don't miss out.

Voice 2: I'm so bored with what I've got. I really need to freshen the wardrobe!

All Voices together in a sing-song voice: Shopping trip!

**Hymn** *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

### Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..." God of Open Spaces, we are choked, clogged and cluttered.

**C: Let us *make* room for You.**

L: Draw us into this time of worship to assess our real needs.

**C: Let us *find* room for You.**

L: Help us clear out our hearts to find room for holy desires.

**C: Let us *be* room for You.**

L: In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence*

**Choir Anthem** *"You are God Alone"* (music arranged by Foote-Kirkland)

### Prayer for Illumination

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. **Amen.**

**\*Gospel Lesson** **Luke 12:29-34** (NT, page 70)

### YouthSpeak

**Scout Presentation** Timothy Keller

**Children's Message** **Sandy Davies**  
**Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"**

**Message** **"Room for the New Ones to Relax"**  
**Pastor Hines**

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

*"Shout to the Lord"*

**Sharing, Joys, Concerns, and Seeking "Time Out"**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung responsively*)

**\*Passing the Peace** (Ushers, please come forward as people are seated.) Before you settle back into your seats, take time to connect with the people around you, starting the conversation this way, “How tuned in do you feel to the present moments of life?”

**Offertory** “You Say” by Lauren Daigle (video)

**Offering** “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (NRSV, Luke 12:34) This week, we are taking an offering for UMCOR Sunday (envelopes enclosed in the bulletin). You may use the envelopes in the pews if you wish to contribute to Timothy’s Eagle Scout project.

**\*Doxology:** “For time to savor God’s good gifts. For space to breathe and hearts to lift. For ways to reach out and to give. We offer thanks and vow to live.” (sung to the tune of UMH #95 “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”)

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

### Taking It Out

The final movement of our service is a time of committing to take a bit of this serenity and peace out into the busy world. We are reminded to “keep the main thing, the main thing.”

**\*Closing Hymn** “Trading My Sorrows”

**\*Benediction** (please see bulletin insert)

**\*Postlude**

**\*Indicates stand if able**

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### SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

**Greeters:** Tim Keller & Analisa Romberg

**Nursery** (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf

**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett

**Tellers:** Lisa Riley & Trish Richards

**Ushers:** Youth

**Flowers:** Trish & Dale Richards, to the glory of God and in honor of Bethel Christian Preschool families, teachers, administrative board, and all those who support the school.

**Sunday Brunch:** Everyone is welcome to enjoy brunch in Fellowship Hall.

**Liturgist:** Kim Bradbury

**Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open

### SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

**Greeter:** Jeanne Haring

**Nursery** (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf

**Computer Operators:** Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett

**Tellers:** Elaine O’Connor & Amy Keller

**Liturgist:** Trish Richards

**Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open

**Ushers:** Bill Richardson, Donna Kunsch, Edie Duranto, & Chris Long

**Flowers:** Dot Shantz, in honor of her children

**Coffee Hour:** Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.

Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

**Sunday School Groups (9:30 am):** *Toddlers*, Room 205; *Five Year Olds to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade* Room 204; *Fellowship*, Board Room (B2); *Seekers’ Christian Education Class*, Library (B7); and *Bradbury*, Green Room (B1).

 **Welcome to Bethel United Methodist Church**  
“Growing in Christ together, sharing God’s love with everyone.”



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**Youth Sunday**

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