

Order of Worship
1st Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019 10:45 AM

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

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."*

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 – I surrender all.

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** FWS #2197 "Lord of all Hopefulness" (verses 1,3)

***Greeting**

Voice 1: *(to voice #2)* Yoo hoo! How are you?

Voice 2: *(very dramatic)* I'm soooooo busy!

Voice 3: You can say that again!

Voice 2: I'm soooooo busy!

Voice 3: I didn't really mean that literally. Just that I KNOW what you mean! I keep meeting myself comin' and goin'!

Voice 1: Whew, indeed! When will the rat race end?

Silence

Special Musical Selection

"No Matter What" (video)

Silence

Opening Prayer (unison)

God, we come hoping to find the quiet center in the crowded lives we lead. We come seeking the room for hope to enter, and the freedom to be in your presence. Clear the chaos and the clutter in our hearts and in our lives. Clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, until we find the peace to simply be. Amen.

Special Musical Selections Chuck Kupferschmidt (guest musician)

Taking Note

The second part of our service invites us to "take note" of what God is saying to us this day through the children, through the music, and through the sermon.

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.**

Children's Message

Pastor Hines

Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 11:28-30

Message

"Rest"

Pastor Hines

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

Sharing, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer *(sung responsively)*

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

Offering "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (Prov. 11:25, NIV)

Offertory "Blessed Quietness" Ross Hauck and Alicia A. Lewis (video)

***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!

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** FWS #2153 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Indicates stand if able

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Greeter: Jean Domin	Liturgist: Ron Moore
Nursery (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf	Pre-School (3-4 yr.): Open
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett	
Tellers: Terry McKinley & Michelle Vondercrone	
Ushers: Joan Spiece, Sandy Davies, Corey Murray, & Peggy Linderman	
Flowers: Larue Ewers & Mary Yusko, in memory of Anna's birthday	
Coffee Hour: Congregation. Gluten-free items are available.	

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Greeter: Carole Ann & Joe Moyer	Liturgist: Trish Richards
Nursery (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Wynn/Vanderwerf	Pre-School (3-4 yr.): Open
Junior Church: (1st to 5th grade)	
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/ Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon/Corbett	
Tellers: Terry Allen & Trish Richards	
Ushers: Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Kim Bradbury, & Anne Hoffman	
Flowers: Mary Lou Keim, in memory of Jim's birthday	
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We welcome our guest musicians during the next several weeks: **Chuck Kupferschmidt** (*special music only*) and **James Matz**, today through April.

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.

Everyone is welcome to join our 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Groups. We offer warm and engaging small groups for children and adults. **Sunday School Groups (9:30 am):** *Toddlers*, Room 205; *Five Year Olds to 6th 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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