

Order of Worship
1st Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019 10:45 AM

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."

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 – I surrender all.

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** UMH #580 "Lead On, O King Eternal" (verses 1, 3)

***Greeting**

Voice 1: Oh my goodness, it's been way too long since we got together!

Voice 2: I know! I'm soooooo busy!

Voice 3: You can say that again!

Voice 2: I'm soooooo busy!

Voice 3: *[rolls eyes dramatically]* Here we go again. Can we grab a quick bite sometime? I miss you two!

Voice 1 & 2: *[looking at phone calendars and talking over each other]* Hmm... I've got 45 minutes next week... I'm booked until next Friday.... Well, wait, if I move this appointment I could maybe squeeze you in... I was going to call my mother but I could put her off...

Hymn FWS #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (verse 1)

Opening Prayer (unison)

L: Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..." Table-Setting God, we come today hungry for company.

C: Let us *make* room for You.

L: Draw us in to this time of worship to sit down at the place you have prepared for us.

C: Let us *find* room for You.

L: Help us clear out the calendar of our lives to make room for others in it.

C: Let us *be* room for You.

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

C: Amen.

Silence

*Special Music "The Lord is My Shepherd" –Donna Upson, Soloist
(music composed by Marty Haugen)*

Silence

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 23

Choir Anthem

"In the Garden"

Children's Message

Aubrey Bates, CLM

Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

Message

"Quiet Waters"

Pastor Hines

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

UMH #381 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" (verses 1, 3)

Sharing, Joys and Concerns: "Time Out"

The Lord's Prayer (*sung responsively*)

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

***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")

Offering "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

***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** FWS #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center" (verse 3)

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

***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

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SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Greeters: Carole Ann & Joe Moyer

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

Open

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

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

Liturgist: Denise Barton

Pre-School (3-4 yr.):

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Tellers: Tina Abel & Joyce Shutt

Ushers: Hal Shutt, Joyce Shutt, Jeff Wynn, & Tina Abel

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

Liturgist: Lori Corbett

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

Next week we will be taking an offering for Fran Shrader, our Zambian Missionary.

We welcome our guest musician during the next several weeks: **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.



Welcome to Bethel United Methodist Church

"Growing in Christ together, sharing God's love with everyone."



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