

Order of Worship
Easter Sunday
10:45 AM April 21, 2019

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 – May justice triumph over treason, light overcome darkness, and life vanquish death.

Prelude

Announcements

***Opening Hymn** UMH #302 *“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”* (verses 1-3)

***Greeting**

L: Look, life is here,

C: **even when the tomb is empty.**

L: Listen, love is calling,

C: **even when death is all around.**

L: Believe, for hope reigns victorious;

C: **this is the gift of resurrection.**

L: This is the miracle of Easter.

C: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts with faith. Raise our voices in praise, and lift our eyes to the hills of hope. Reveal to us your presence. Raise us up to new life, even as you were risen, that we may proclaim to the world: *“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”*

Hymn UMH #302 *“He Lives”*

Prayer for Illumination O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. **Amen.**

New Testament Lesson Acts 10.34-43 (NT, page 121 in the pew bible)

Choir Anthem *“Festive Alleluia”* (music by Gordon Young)

Children’s Message **“Life of Jesus”** Bethel Children

Hymn FWS #2233 “Where Children Belong”

Message

“Butterfly Wings...Rising Again”

Pastor Hines

Invitation to Christian Discipleship UMH #304 *“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”*

Sharing, Joys, Concerns, and Seeking “Time Out”

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Offertory

Offering *“And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”* (Eph. 5:2, NIV)

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Circling through earth so all may grow. Vanquishing fear so all may give. Widening grace so all may live.** (Sung to the tune of UMH 95. This Doxology was used at the 2018 Annual Conference to remind worshippers that we are most blessed when we share, rather than hoard God's resources.)

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** UMH #322 *“Up from the Grave He Arose”*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Indicates stand if able**

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

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

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Greeters: The Steele Family

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

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

Tellers: Terry Allen & Trish Richards

Ushers: Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Kim Bradbury, & Anne Hoffman

Flowers: The Keller Family, in memory of Philip Bachman.

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

Liturgist: Denise Barton

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

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

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

Tellers: Lisa Riley & Joyce Shutt

Ushers: Joan Spiece, Sandy Davies, Corey Murray, & Peggy Linderman

Flowers: Lovingly handcrafted by Edith Northacker

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

Liturgist: Ron Moore

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

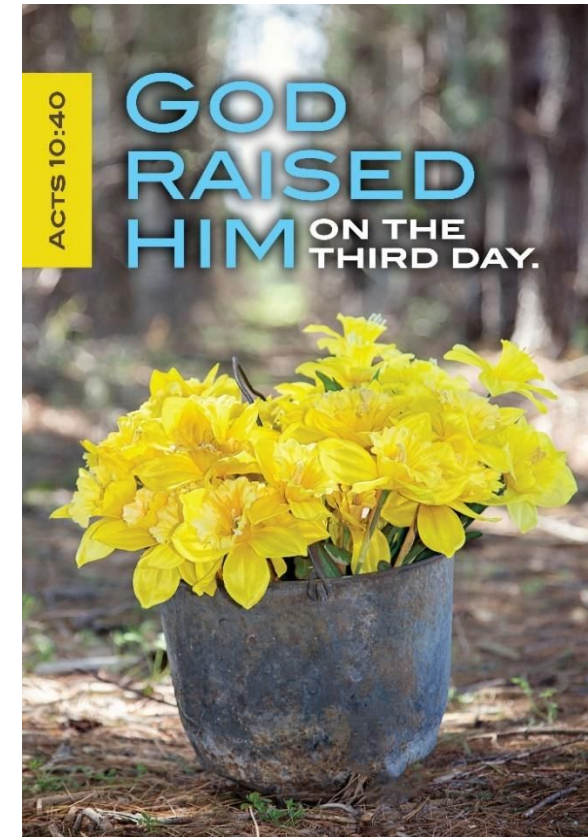
Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

Sunday School Groups (9:30 am): *Toddlers*, Room 205; *Five Year Olds to 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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