

## Order of Worship

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent—April 7, 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** – Thank you for blessing us to eat, drink and be merry!

#### Prelude

#### Announcements

**\*Opening Hymn** FWS #2128 *"Come and Find the Quiet Center"* (verses 1-3)

#### \*Greeting

Voice 1: Yoo hoo! How are you today?

Voice 2: I'm good! Soooooo glad it is getting warmer and the days are getting longer. Winter makes me depressed!

Voice 3: Not me! I love it when the sun sets early...gives me an excuse to get more sleep and you know how I love my sleep!

Voice 1: Wanna go for a hike this weekend?

Voice 2: I'd rather get my exercise at the gym. That way I can do some work while I'm on the treadmill.

Voice 3: I hear that! Two birds with one stone! Gotta stay productive!

**Hymn** UMH #707 *"Hymn of Promise"* (verses 1, 2)

#### Opening Prayer

L: Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..."

Creator God, we push and push until we are exhausted.

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

L: Release us from the illusion of the control of time and our fear of its passage.

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

L: Help us clear out the incessant drive to always produce.

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

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

**C: Amen.**

#### Silence

**Choir Anthem** "Go Now in Peace" (music by Besig and Price)

#### Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson** Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (OT, page 581 in the pew bible)

#### Children's Message

**Jeanne Haring**  
Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

#### Message

"The Joys of Finally Finishing"  
Pastor Hines

#### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

UMH #510 *"Come, Ye Disconsolate"* (verses 1, 3)

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

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

**\*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:** “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**

**\*Hymn** FWS #2264 “Come to the Table”

**Holy Communion** (in pew)

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion (page 11)

#### **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 #2203 “In God’s Time” (we will use gender inclusive language in this hymn by substituting “His” time to “God’s” time)

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

**\*Postlude**

**\*Indicates stand if able**

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#### **SERVING THIS 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

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

**Communion Stewards:** Clair & Kay Weikel

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

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

#### **SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

**Greeter:** Suzanne Collins

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

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

**Tellers:** Terrie McKinley & Michelle Vondercrone

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

**Flowers:** Trish and Dale Richards

**Coffee Hour:** Special coffee hour in honor of Allen Collins’ 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday. Gluten-free items are available.

**Liturgist:** Ron Moore

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



## **Welcome to Bethel United Methodist Church**

“Growing in Christ together, sharing God’s love with everyone.”

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