

## Updates and Announcements

*Thank you for worshiping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church!  
We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning.*

### This Week

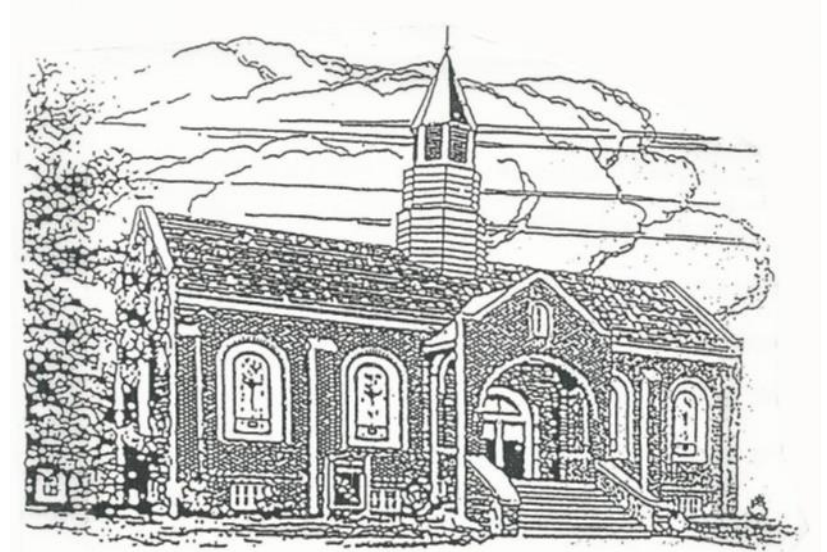
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Bible Study - “*Why*” - 10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday** - BLT – 11:30 a.m. at Burgers and Barley – 111 Cherry Road.
- **Thursday** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

### Upcoming

- **March 15** – Fellowship Dinner – 5:30 p.m. at Little Café.
- **March 16** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

	<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>Mar 12</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Regina White	Isabella Sutton
<b>Children’s Time</b>	Melissa Buddin	Olivia Taylor
<b>Counters</b>	Margaret McCarter	Alyson Reid
	Darnelle Sweatt	Cindy Day
<b>Ushers</b>	Daryl Dornbush	Daryl Dornbush
	Shannon Wright	Bud Smith
<b>Communion</b>	Regina White	

# Bethel United Methodist Church



**March 5, 2023**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2023

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.**

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\*OPENING HYMN                      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*                      UMH# 526

THE CALL TO CONFESSION                      *Psalms 37:1-11*                      UMH# 772

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed against your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments. Forgive us, O Lord. Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things, that, being delivered from the bondage of sin, we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*~ A moment of Silent Confession is observed ~*

#### ASSURANCE AND PARDON

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 9) May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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#### \*THE PASSING UP THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*All may exchange signs of God's peace with one another by exchanging "Peace be with you."*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and =was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again; He**

**ascended into Heaven. Is seated at the right hand of the Father, And will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church, The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and of life everlasting. AMEN.**

\*RESPONSE:                      *Gloria Patri*                      UMH# 70

### PROCLAMATION

HYMN                      *This is Where Children Belong*                      TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME                      Melissa Buddin

SCRIPTURE                      *John 9:1-12*                      Regina White

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC                      *Hymn of Promise*                      Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE                      *Romans 8:18-28,35-39*                      Rev. Emily Sutton

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks, Be to God.**

SERMON                      *God and Suffering: Part 2*                      Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayers.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

#### OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      UMH# 95

### EUCCHARISTIC FEAST

#### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*                      UMH# 133

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able.*