

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

Monday - Shelter Board Meeting at 6:00 pm via Zoom
Church Finance Committee Meeting at 7:15 via Zoom
Tuesday – Prayer Meeting at 9:30 am via Zoom
Lenten Book Study - *Words of Life* at 7pm via Zoom

Upcoming

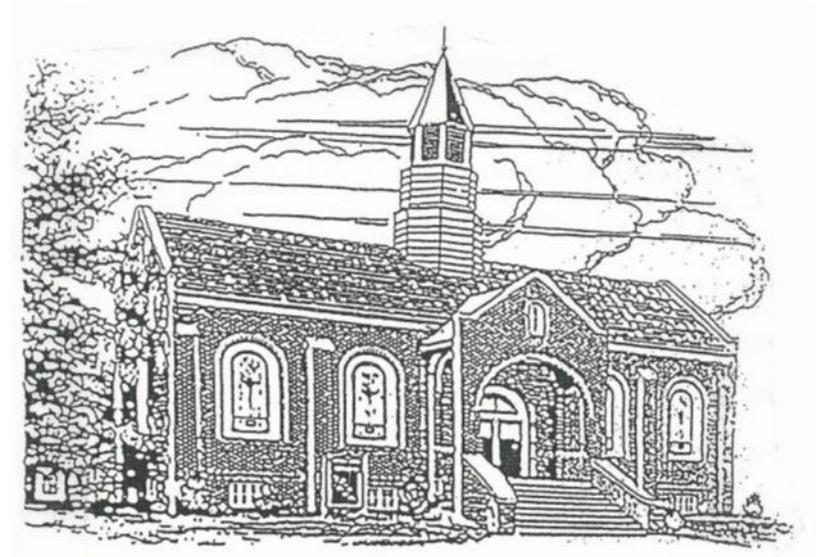
Church Council Meeting – Monday May 3 at 6pm

TRANSFORM A CHILD'S FUTURE. Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. On Sunday, May 9th, 2021, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 25, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

P: Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

L: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

P: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

L: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

P: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

— written by Thom Shuman

- <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/11/reign-of-christ.html>

OPENING PRAYER

God, Father of the poor, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble and dependent. Open our eyes and our hearts and our hands to honor him now as our Lord and King by welcoming him in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick. Let our love become free and spontaneous, like the tenderness you have shown us in your Son. Welcome us in the everlasting Kingdom prepared for us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

—from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.

HYMN

Only Trust Him

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*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

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

This is Where Children Belong

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 10:1-2 and Matthew 25, 42-43

HYMN

What a Friend

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-21

SERMON

Do Not Steal

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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*THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE