



Bethel United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – February 3, 2019

Kindly turn off or silence all electronic devices
Please observe a time of silence during the prelude for reflection and preparation for worship

PRELUDE

Assurance

Based on music by P. Knapp & J.S. Bach
Arr. by J.N. Beck; Transcribed by J. Linker

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS †

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

* HYMN NO. 95

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (vs. 1, 3, and 5)

DUKE STREET

ANTHEM

That Promised Land

Traditional Spirituals
Arr. by R.E. Schram

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Pew Bible, page 740

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near – a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness spread upon the mountains a great and powerful army comes; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them in ages to come. Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts

and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Take, O Take Me As I Am (sung twice)

Text and Music by John Bell

**Take, O take me as I am. Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, **you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 326

Thy Word

THY WORD

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (repeat)
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way. Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (repeat)**

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:5-6, 16-21

Pew Bible, page 787

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your

Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 171 *God's Love Made Visible* (vs. 1, refrain only) POSADA

**God's love made visible. Incomprehensible.
Christ is invincible. His love shall reign.
From love so bountiful, blessings uncountable
make death surmountable. His love shall reign!**

SERMON

TREASURE OF THE HEART

INVITATION TO SHARE †

Offertory

Andante

Karl Heinrich Zöllner

* Response

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich”
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!**

* Prayer of Dedication

HYMN

In The Bleak Midwinter (vs. 1 and 4)

CRANHAM

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet what I can, I give him – give my heart.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This morning we will receive the Lord's Supper in our pews. After being served, please hold the bread and then the cup so that we may consume the elements as individual members of Christ's church united as one body. Please note – the communion cup contains wine except for the inner ring of grape juice; the bread is gluten free.

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Prayer and the 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* HYMN NO. 537

My Hope Is Built (vs. 1, 2, and 4)

THE SOLID ROCK

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Shout to the Lord

D. Zschech/Arr. by P. Bettcher

* Indicates those who are able please stand

✠ Please fill out the pew pad. In order that we may best serve your spiritual needs, please use the prayer request cards in the pew rack and place them in the offering

Bold Indicates congregational response

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PRAYER REQUESTS

In the spirit of Christian love, remember these people and their families
in your thoughts and prayers – not only today, but throughout the coming week.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>
January 13	Family of Chris Carpenter	Toby & Renee St. Charles
	Family of Tom Finley.....	Jean Holder
	Family of Donna Winter-Hagen.....	The Diuble Family
	Family of Chris (Harbert) Hassett.....	David Bucholtz
	Patti Henes.....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Cindy Steele	Nancy Loudin
	Marian Youngs	Diane Kring
January 20	Family of Lonnie Haris	
	Family of Diane Jordan.....	Emily St. Charles
	Family of Keith Kothe.....	Renee St. Charles
	Dale Olsen	Patty & Stan Lambarth
January 27	Marie Bauer.....	David Bucholtz
	Gail Holder	Jean Holder
	Denny Huehl	Rachel Girbach
	Phyllis Meranuck.....	David Bucholtz
	Pat Laberde	David Bucholtz
	Lyle Wahl	Diane Kring
February 3	Glenda Capps	Emily St. Charles
	Irene Jacob.....	David Bucholtz
	Family & friends of David Kelly	Alison Robison
	Paul Whelan and family	
	Sharon Williams	Cat & James Meyer

Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines.....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 st Airborne, U.S. Army	
April 3, 2016	Kyle Braun, U.S. Marines.....	Harvey & Marcella Luckhardt
Oct. 8, 2017	Henry Arbogast, U.S. Navy Seals	Darlene Kuebler
Sept. 2, 2018	Willie Day, U.S. Navy Seals	Jody Munson

EVENTS TODAY

Ingathering of Material Aids

- 9:30 a.m.** Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30-11:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class
- 4:00 p.m.** Youth Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mon., Feb. 4 | 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Children's Choir rehearsal |
| | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Handbell Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Senior Choir rehearsal - Tenors and Basses only |
| Tues., Feb. 5 | 9:00 a.m. | Bethel Quilters |
| Wed., Feb. 6 | 6:45 p.m. | Cabinet meeting - please send a representative from your group/committee. |
| Thurs., Feb. 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Memorial Committee meeting |
| Sat., Feb. 9 | 4:00 p.m. | Youth trip to NorthRidge Church (7th-12th grade) |
| Sun., Feb. 10 | | Ingathering of Material Aids |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30-11:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Youth Ministry |
| Mon., Feb. 11 | 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Children's Choir rehearsal |
| | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Handbell Choir rehearsal |
| | 7:30-9:00 p.m. | Senior Choir rehearsal - Sopranos and Altos only |
| Tues., Feb. 12 | 9:00 a.m. | Bethel Quilters |
| Wed., Feb. 13 | 6:45 p.m. | Church Board meeting |
| Fri., Feb. 15 | | Newsletter articles are due |
| Sun., Feb. 17 | | Ingathering of Material Aids |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:30-11:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Praise Choir rehearsal |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Youth Ministry |

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Thurs., Feb. 7 **5:00-6:30 p.m.** Sauerkraut Dinner & Bake Sale at St. Andrew's UCC, Dexter

Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz
Music Director: Mary Sue Moore
Greeters: Millie Guenther and Jean Martin
Ushers: Duane Kuebler, Klara Kuebler, Ryan Mann, Tom Mann,
and Cathy Moore
Acolyte: Serenity Spinks
Lay Reader: Cat Meyer
Anthem: Children's Choir; Directed by Jennifer Bucholtz.
Accompanied by Judy Fiegel
Child Care: Renee St. Charles and Jordan Campbell
Altar Flowers: Given by Carole Baker in memory of Lauren Yuhasz

Church World Service BLANKETS offerings begin today and continue through February 24th, when they will be dedicated.

Envelopes are in the pews; make checks out to Bethel Church.

Material Aids Ingathering is the entire month of February with dedication on March 3rd.

Material Aids include:

School and Health Kits, cancelled postage stamps, Box Tops for Education, no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses, pop can tabs, Quilts, Little Dresses for Africa, etc.

The Sunday School classes will pack School Kits on February 24th.

Please be as generous as you were last year with your CWS Blankets offerings, your Kit & other donations.

Copies of items for School & Health Kits are available in the back of the church and in the Annex.