



# Bethel United Church of Christ

March 24, 2019

# The People of God Gather for Worship

## Third Sunday in Lent

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

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*  
Based on St. Columba

Setting J.N. Beck  
Trans. J. Linker

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS<sup>†</sup>

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Philippians 4

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

\* HYMN NO. 386

*We Come as Guests Invited* WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

ANTHEM

*The Wedding Banquet*

Sister Miriam Therese Winter

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 22:1–14

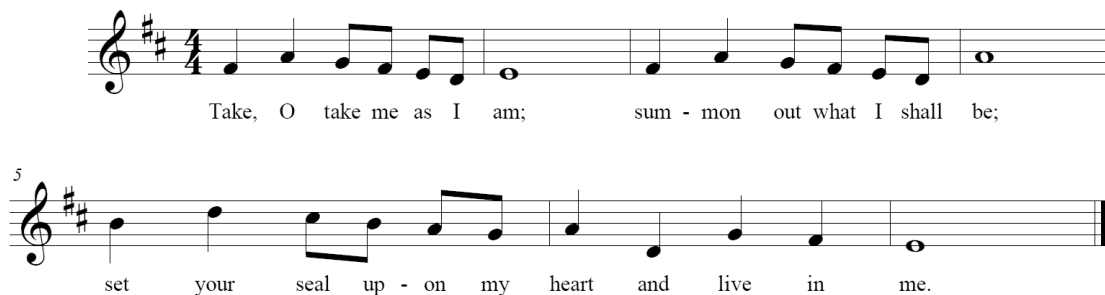
Pew Bible, page 803

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and

burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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;      sum - mon out what I shall be;

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set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly repenting of our sins and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SILENT CONFESSION

RESPONSE NO. 384

*Here at Thy Table, Lord* (vs. 1)

BREAD OF LIFE

**Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour.  
O let us feel thee near, in loving power.  
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin.  
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.**

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 23

Pew Bible, page 435

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his

name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you!**

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Rick Founds

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,**

**from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,**

**from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.**

**Lord, I lift your name on high!**

SERMON

R.S.V.P.

INVITATION TO SHARE<sup>‡</sup>

\* Offertory

*Meditation on "Emmaline"* J. Caslett/Setting by D. Wolford

We'll Sing All Hail to Jesus' Name

\* 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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PETITION

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.**

\* HYMN NO. 422

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Allegro Appassionato*

N. Landis/Arr. by M. Williams

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\* 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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### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Minister: Rev. David Bucholtz

Music Director: Mary Sue Moore

Greeters: Rudy and Susan Layher

Ushers: David Haeussler, Derald Bauer, Eric Lobbestael, and Ethan Lobbestael, and Jacob Mann

Acolyte: Paige Shankland

Lay Reader: Jill Corwin

Anthem: Youth Choir Plus, Alison Robison, Soloist; Directed by Julie Roberts

Child Care: Renee St. Charles and Collin Campbell

Altar Flowers: Given by Bonnie Mitchell & Susan Mann in honor of March 27th birthdays

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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>
March 10	Karen Bellm .....	Renee St. Charles
	Debbie Farbrother .....	Nancy Loudin
	Riley & Kayla Hieber .....	Bonnie Hieber
	Patti Henes .....	Stacey Neigebauer
	Alan Kremko.....	Nancy Loudin
	Matt Mayhew.....	Stan & Patty Lambarth
	Kelly Pomorski .....	Kristi Campbell
	Kenny Seiler .....	Michelle Jedele
	Sheron Williams.....	Cat & James Meyer
March 17	Derald Bauer .....	
	Terry Beitelshees.....	Diane Seeger
	Dale Hartzog.....	
	Gail Holder.....	Jean Holder
	Mark MacPherson .....	Carol Colby
	Mac & Sharon McMurray .....	Emily St. Charles
	Betty Schneider .....	Mariel Peck
	Family of Joe Turk .....	Larry Aiken & Mike Meranuck
	Remembering Grandma Linda.....	Karsyn Klein
March 24	Family of Tom Gielen .....	Carol Colby
	Family of Fay Greer .....	Carol Colby
	Bea Haeussler.....	Lynn Strobbe
	Family of Richard Huston.....	
	Carl Kemner .....	Earl and Doris Roehm
	Family of Monty Love.....	Angie Diuble
	Michelle Roberts and her mission team.....	Mary Sue Moore
	Betty Suhre .....	Pastor Bucholtz
	Gary Weidmayer.....	Scott Diuble

### Those Serving Our Country

Sept. 25, 2010	Gy-Sgt. Evan Wahl, U.S. Marines .....	Lyle Wahl
Jan. 13, 2013	Zachary Steelman, 101 <sup>st</sup> 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
Feb. 24, 2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.....	Betty Jean Harper

## EVENTS TODAY

**9:30 a.m.** Worship

**No** Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class

**11:45 a.m.** Praise Choir rehearsal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., March 25

**No** Children's Choir rehearsal

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal

**7:30-9:00 p.m.** Senior Choir rehearsal

Tues., March 26

**9:00 a.m.** Archives Committee meeting

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** Bethel Quilters

**5:00 p.m.** Vespers at First Baptist Church, Ann Arbor

Sat., March 30

**10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Covenant Association Spring meeting at Bethlehem UCC, Ann Arbor

Sun., March 31

**9:30 a.m.** Worship

**10:30 a.m.** Sunday School

**11:30 a.m.** Confirmation Class

**11:45 a.m.** Youth Choir Plus lunch and rehearsal

Mon., April 1

**No** Children's Choir rehearsal

**6:30-7:30 p.m.** Handbell Choir rehearsal

**No** Senior Choir rehearsal

**7:30 p.m.** Bethel Chamber Orchestra rehearsal

Tues., April 2

**9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters

Sun., April 7

**9:30 a.m.** Worship - Confirmation Presentations

**10:30 a.m.** Coffee Hour and Camp Talahi Presentation sponsored by the Youth Ministry and Sunday School

Mon., April 8

**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

Tues., April 9

**9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters

Wed., April 10

**6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting

Thurs., April 11

**7:00 p.m.** Hearts and Hands Committee meeting

Sat., April 13

**6:00-8:30 p.m.** Youth Ministry meeting

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