

Bethel United Church of Christ

March 31, 2019



The People of God Gather for Worship

Fourth 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 *Prelude and Fugue* Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

WELCOME, CELEBRATIONS, & CONCERNS[†]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

INVITATION OF THE STEEPLE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP From Wisdom of Solomon

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

She goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

* HYMN NO. 709 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* (vs. 1 and 2) AUSTRIAN HYMN

ANTHEM *There's a Quiet Understanding* Tedd Smith

TIME WITH CHILDREN

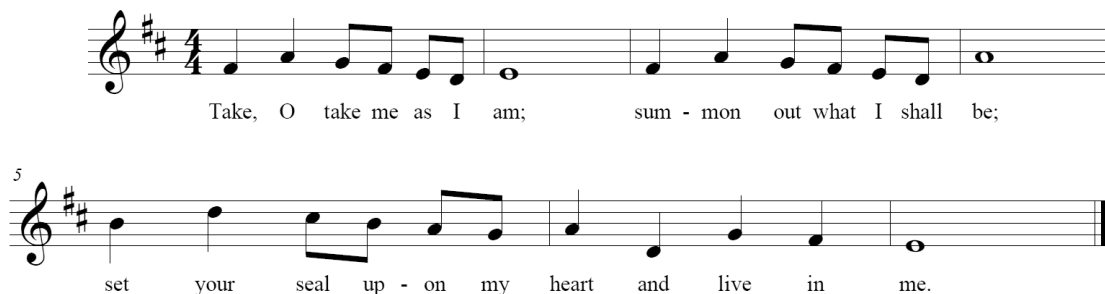
FIRST LESSON Matthew 24:35–42 Pew Bible, page 806

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal

together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

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. 305

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:1–13

Pew Bible, page 806

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and

those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

* 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

LEFT BEHIND

INVITATION TO SHARE[‡]

* Offertory

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Based on Tunes by W. Bradbury & H. Baker

Setting by Dale Wood

* 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. 622

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Postlude on "The Third Tune"

Thomas Tallis (d. 1585)
Setting by John Barr

* 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: Ray and Ava Goff

Ushers: Jeff Mann, Larry Aiken, Patsy Aiken, Bob DeVol, and Jacob Mann

Acolyte: Emma Shankland

Lay Reader: Fred Munson

Anthem: Senior Choir; Directed by Julie Roberts

Child Care: Jill Corwin and Abigail Diuble

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are available to purchase for the Easter Worship services.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary until April 14th. The cost is \$16 each and you can pick your lily up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter morning.

Please make checks payable to the Flower Garden.



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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 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	
March 31	Karen Bellm	Renee St. Charles
	Larry Desbrough	Lorraine Desbrough
	Greg Hiner	Betty Jean Harper
	Yonnie Maziarz.....	Emily St. Charles
	Beverly Nelson.....	Beverly Nelson
	David Nelson	Jacob Mann

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
Feb. 24, 2019	Bruce Walrad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.....	Betty Jean Harper

EVENTS TODAY

- 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon., April 1 **No** Children's Choir rehearsal
 No 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
 7:00 p.m. Hearts and Hands Committee meeting
- Wed., April 10 **6:45 p.m.** Church Board meeting
- Sat., April 13 **6:00-8:30 p.m.** Youth Ministry meeting
- Sun., April 14 **9:30 a.m.** Worship – Confirmation
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour sponsored by the Cabinet
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Bethel Chamber Orchestra
 Camp Talahi Early Bird Deadline
- Mon., April 15 **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 16 **9:00 a.m.** Bethel Quilters
- Wed., April 17 **9:30 a.m.** Lenten Breakfast for women at Manchester UMC.
 Sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary
 7:30 p.m. Endowment Committee meeting at Tom Baughman's
 office
- Thurs., April 18 **7:30 p.m.** Maundy Thursday service at Bethel
- Fri., April 19 **6:00-8:30 p.m.** Youth 4th-6th grade Easter Party
 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service at Manchester UMC

Bethel Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Exception: Tues., April 9, Thurs., April 11, Fri., April 12