

# Bethel United Methodist Church

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

## Lectionary Scriptures

**This Week:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 8:6-11; John 9:1-41

**Next Week:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**Prelude** Sing Alleluia to the Lord

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship**

**\*Hymn:** "Step by Step" W&S 3004

**\*Responsive Call to Worship:** *on opposite page*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Apostle's Creed).....UMH 881

**\*Gloria Patria**.....UMH 71

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**\*Doxology**.....UMH 95

**OT Reading:** Psalm 91

**Youth Message** "Pianos and Whole Christians"

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Message:** "Overview of the Book of Ephesians"

**\*Hymn:** "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349

**\*Closing Chorus & Benediction:** "Bind Us Together"

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** Let all who would serve the Lord prepare in worship for battle!

**People:** For the forces of the enemy are great and we need God's power.

**Leader:** Let us put on the full armor of God and be prepared to do battle.

**People:** Do not fail to put on a single piece of armor, for the enemy is strong.

**Leader:** The victory belongs to the Lord, for no power can prevail against God.

**Prayer of Confession:** Lord, so often we have failed to understand that it is You and You alone Who sustains us, and not our mortal strength.

Too often, O God, in this modern age we have trusted ourselves and our technologies to be our salvation instead, and we have dismissed Your real saving power and the forces of darkness simply as concepts from the past. Forgive us, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

## Calendar of Events

**A Full Week of Days**

## Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** While the limits on gathering sizes caused by the coronavirus are in place, the youth service will begin at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall

**Wednesday:** 6:30 pm, Midweek worship & Bible study in Proverbs

## Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Family of Dorothy Carr, Sylvia Marsh, Tina & Travis Oaks, Pam Plate, Pat Singletary, David Trimble, Benny Will

Please use a prayer request form, in the narthex, to submit requests for adding to the Prayer Concerns in the worship bulletin

**Devotionals:** *The Upper Room* and *Our Daily Bread* are daily devotional booklets that are available in the Narthex. Please take one or both and enjoy!

**Bethel Website:** <http://www.bethelumctlh.org>

Recordings of recent sermons are available on the web site

Recordings of sermons or services are available on CD by request

**Heifer Fund:** "Youth Message" offering goes to support Heifer International

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**10 Guidelines for Prayer in these COVID-19 Times,  
by Dr. Peter Bellini**

1. PEACE- Pray against spirits of division, suspicion, anxiety, panic, and fear that grip our communities.
2. LEADERSHIP- Pray for wisdom, truth, direction, compassion, and strength for all leaders (political, medical, economic, ecclesiastical, etc) in authority.
3. PROTECTION- Claim the blood of Jesus as a shield and healing over people groups, institutions, systems, policies, processes, and over all areas of life and society against COVID-19 and its effects.
4. IMMUNITY- Daily speak strength and health to immune systems (personal, family, friends, etc.)
5. RESOURCES- Pray for sufficient human and medical resources for our healthcare systems and sufficient and necessary resources for all other sectors (i.e. financial) and institutions (i.e. schools).
6. TESTING- Pray for a prompt, expedient, efficient, and sufficient, production, distribution, administration, and interpretation of tests locally so that leaders may realistically ascertain the scope of the problem and be equipped with strategies and resources to address the problem thoroughly and speedily.
7. STRATEGIES- Pray for the deployment of effective strategies for identifying epicenters and centers of the disease's proliferation, for social distancing, for judicious and humane regional, local, and home-based quarantining that would level off the rate and intensity of occurrences, for home-based and institutional treatment of the sick, for accurate contact tracing, and for all other epidemiological issues and solutions.
8. RESEARCH- Pray for all types of researchers to develop an expeditious, effective, sufficient, affordable, well-tested, and safe production of a CV-19 vaccine and treatments.
9. INSTITUTIONS RESTORED- Pray for all of the institutions and systems impacted by this crisis (the church, the home, gov't, healthcare, schools, the economy, businesses, law enforcement and other first responders, and all other workplaces) that they would be protected and restored to normal healthy functioning.
10. SALVATION- Pray that we all come to a place of true repentance and total dependence on God for all things and that God would release to this world. protection, provision, healing, restoration, strength, salvation and all things that pertain to life and godliness. Time for the church to be the church and embody and minister wisdom and love in all we do.

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**"Seeking The Life In Grace As The Way of Life"  
Welcome home!**