

Bethel United Methodist Church

5th Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020

Lectionary Scriptures

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

Next Week: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; Phil 2:5-11

Prelude Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Welcome

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship

***Hymn:** "Here I Am Lord" UMH 593

***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 130 Tina Rucker

Youth Message "This Too Shall Pass"

Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Message: "Overview of the Book of Philippians"

***Hymn:** "Surely the Presence of the Lord" UMH 328

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

**Please stand if able*

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord. Tell all nations what he has done.

People: We will tell them how great he is!

Leader: Sing to the Lord because of the great things he has done.

People: Let the whole world hear the news: Our God is great and he lives among his people.

Prayer Of Confession : Lord, with penitent hearts we confess that we have not always shown a gentle and forgiving attitude toward everyone. We have been so caught up with worry about ourselves that we have neglected the needs of others. Forgive us, we pray, and draw us closer to you that we may find that peace which passes understanding. Amen.

Calendar of Events

A Full Week of Days: Be Safe and Pray

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday, Communion

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: Midweek Worship service is temporarily suspended

Prayer Concerns

Bethel UMC, The UMC, Our Country, Those in Military Service, Pastor Ralph, Lexi Allen, Family of Dorothy Carr, Sylvia Marsh, Carol Morgan & Family, 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!**