

# Bethel United Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

April 5, 2020

## Lectionary Scriptures

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

**Next Week:** Acts 110:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Col 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

**Prelude** Sing Alleluia to the Lord

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Fellowship**

**\*Hymn:** "All Glory Laud and Honor" UMH 280

**\*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 118:26-27"

**Youth Message** "Who Makes a King"

**Joys, Concerns, Pastoral Prayer**

**Special:** *The Lord's Prayer* Judy Wrightstone

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

**Holy Communion**

**\*Hymn:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" UMH 474

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

*\*Please stand if able*

## Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us give praise for God's wonderful redeeming love!

**People: For even while we were lost in our sins, Jesus died for us.**

Leader: We were unrighteous, even the best of us, yet Christ died to wash us clean.

**People: We enter this house of worship, praising God for our Lord and Savior,**

Leader: And our voices proclaim the glory of the Lord God Almighty.\

**Prayer of Confession: O God, even as we have reached the week before Easter, it is still difficult for us to fully understand the price You gave so that we should know Salvation. We have often taken the death of Jesus on the cross so lightly that we have hardly given it a second thought. Forgive us, Lord, and draw us ever closer to accepting the crosses You have for us to bear. In Christ we pray. Amen.**

## Calendar of Events

**Today:** Communion

**Holy Week:** observe Maundy Thursday (Last Supper); Good Friday

**Next Sunday: Easter** Sunday

## Worship, Educational and Outreach Opportunities

**Today:** *Interactive Online Service thru link on Bethel Web Site, Service page*

**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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