

*Your Friendly
Community Church*



November 19, 2023

***Thanksgiving
Sunday***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER AT GOD'S INVITATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O peoples of the earth!

People: We will pour out our hearts before our God!

Leader: God is your refuge and your strength, a very present help in trouble!

People: We will trust, and we will not be afraid!

***HYMN**

UMH #399

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Loving God, great is your faithfulness. Morning by morning new mercies we see. This day and every day, we are thankful. You open your hands to the poor and are near to the brokenhearted. Let us love you as you love us. Help us to love our neighbors as you love them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jane Massey

We invite any children present to participate.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM

Lady Imperio

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

O God, you are our hope. Awaken us from our sleep. Reassure us in our fear and help us to become children of light. Clothe us with the armor of faith and give us the helmet of hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***GOSPEL LESSON**

NT #27

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

Rev. Laurie Brandes

"Be Daring"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lady Imperio

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH #881

"The Apostles' Creed"

WE GO WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

TFWS #2221

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

*BENEDICTION

*AMEN RESPONSE

"Let the Church Say Amen"

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting, please complete a visitor's card located in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Thanks to all who removed tags from the Giving Tree. Please return your gift by next Sunday, November 26.

Everyone is invited to the annual Community Thanksgiving Service today at 4 pm at Bethel UMC.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 30, from 12:30-1:45 in the CLC for a very important "Lunch and Learn" on estate planning. Please RSVP to Dave Petty or Bill Rose.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

4:00 Community Thanksgiving Service –
Bethel UMC

Wednesday, November 22

5:30 Choir Practice – Choir Room

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving (**church office closed**)

Friday, November 24 (**church office closed**)

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

You are welcomed to attend one of our Sunday School classes:

Crossroads SS Class meets via Zoom at 9am
Contact L.W. Smith for Zoom invite.

Pathfinder SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
parlor in the Education Building.

Children's SS Class meets at 9:45 am in the
nursery in the Education building.

HEARING DEVICES

If you would like to use a hearing assistance device, please see an usher for assistance.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please write your prayer requests in the book found on the podium located at the back of the sanctuary before the service begins. Your prayers will be lifted up.

2023 FINANCES

2023 Budget = \$229,008.00

Need to Receive Weekly = \$4,404.00

Received for General Budget on 11/12/23=\$2,045.00

Received Year-To-Date (2023) = \$143,623.00

We are excited to have you in our worship service today. We love that the walls of our building do not limit the impact of our ministry and have a wonderful community joining us today virtually. As such, we would like to remind all in attendance that your presence in our worship service indicates your approval that you and all minors you represent being recorded for our digital usage. This includes, but is not limited to, your image, name, and involvements in today's services.