

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children may return to their seats.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 6:32-35

ANTHEM "To Mock Your Reign" Jason W. Krug
{*"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"*}
Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON "Can I Have a Box?"

* SONG OF RESPONSE

Hymn #438: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please sign the friendship pad (the blue folder) and pass along to others in your row, greeting others by name after worship.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Carl F. Mueller
Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Compassionate God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* SONG FOR SENDING

Hymn #543: "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (Verses 1, 4 and 5)

* BLESSING

* CHORAL RESPONSE

*** POSTLUDE** "Reflections in C Minor"

WORSHIP NOTES

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARTHA VAN HORN: A Memorial Service for friends and family of Martha has been scheduled for Sunday, April 19th, 3:00 p.m., at Bethel Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND HYMNALS, as well as audio listening devices, are available from the Worship Welcome Team.

MONTHLY CONGREGATIONAL LETTERS: On communion Sundays, five letters will be placed in the Narthex and then taken to Fellowship in Galbraith Hall. **Please add a quick note to each letter ... these letters provide an important link to those members unable to join us during worship each week.**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION: Will be observed on Sunday, April 5th, Team 1, Barbara Jay.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

LITURGISTS: Courtney Kiesling; Mar. 15th Ann Lindsay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS: Families I - L; Mar. 15th Families M - O

WORSHIP WELCOME TEAM: Team 7: Sueann & Don DeFurio, Angus MacDonald, Lisa Wilfong*, Pam Rawlings*; Mar. 15th - Team 8: Carole Carroll, Gail Anderson, Wendy Roithner, Marian Rhodes*, Hazel Knapp* (*Chairlift)

SANCTUARY COORDINATORS: Greg Smith; Mar. 15th Pam Decker

GRAPHICS TEAM: Larry Jay; Mar. 15th Courtney Kiesling

SOUND BOARD: Gail Anderson; Mar. 15th Frank Jackson

CHANCEL FLOWERS:

In Loving Memory of Jacob Robert Dunn, given by Shirley and Bob Gales.

In Loving Memory of Arthur Michaels and Ethelyn Strum, given by Shirley and Bob Gales.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rob Backstrom, Hank Barr, Ansley Basso (Virgin), Betty Bauer, Gary Bittner, Carl Bonanni, Marilou Booth, Marina Bowser, Art Brandenburg, Michele Cobb, Phyllis Criss, Marilyn DeHuff, Pete Edwards, Ginny Flynn, Bill Franciscus (Marilyn DeHuff's son), Bettyjean Gamble, Steve Kloc, Dick Kraft, Pat Kraft, Carol MacDonald, Carol McDonald, Jack Miller, Emily Parise, Dave Rawlings, Pam Rawlings, George Ritchie, Joan Sherbak, Sally Sinatra, Jean Smith, Lynne Smith (Pastor Jim's wife), Anne Unger (Pastor Cathie's sister), Sheila and Rich Vandevander, Edith Wallace, Russell York

Congregation Life Weekly Newsletter March 8, 2020



UPDATE: Today our Bell Choir will be playing with hand chimes. The purchase of these chimes was made possible by money donated by Preschool/Child Care and donations made in memory of Whitten Little. The Bell Choir is very thankful for this wonderful gift that will enhance the quality of future performances. This will also keep Whitten's memory in our hearts each time our Bell Choir plays.

SOUTH HILLS INTERFAITH MOVEMENT FOOD PANTRIES: The shelves at SHIM need salad dressing, creamed soups and paper towels. These items, or any nonperishable food, would be greatly appreciated.

TODAY IS SMALL CHANGE COLLECTION SUNDAY FOR SHIM. Please place your change in the containers during Fellowship Hour. This is a great way to assist our neighbors in need during this Lenten Season. Currently, South Hills Interfaith Movement is in the midst of raising money to benefit the Food Pantries.

TAX RELIEF FOR YOUR GIVING TO OUR CHURCH!

At the age of 72, the IRS requires you to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA and pay ordinary income tax on it. This is called a required minimum distribution or "RMD". A portion of this required withdrawal can be transferred directly from these accounts by your financial advisor to our church and be part of your pledged giving or a special additional gift. This credit will avoid taxes on these monies and perhaps lower one's overall tax rate. Check with your financial advisor for details.

MARY & MARTHA CIRCLE will meet Monday, March 9th, 6:30 p.m., in the McMillan Room. All ladies are invited to attend ... no reservation ever required! We share a light meal, Bible study and great Christian Fellowship! Please join us ...

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8 th	Fellowship and Lenten Discussion after Worship
March 14 th	PW Retreat
March 15 th	Fellowship and Lenten Discussion after Worship
March 22 nd	Fellowship and Lenten Discussion after Worship
March 29 th	Fellowship and Lenten Discussion after Worship
April 5 th	Easter Eggstravaganza
April 9 th	Maundy Thursday Service
April 10 th	Good Friday Service
April 12 th	Easter Sunday Service



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CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR

Sunday, March 8 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 150; Gen. 41:14-45; Rom. 6:3-14; John 5:19-24)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 2
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. James Smith
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families I - L
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon
12:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 9 (Daily Readings: Psalm 119:73-80; 145; Gen. 41:46-57; 1 Cor. 4:8-20, {21}; Mark 3:7-19a)

11:00 a.m. Staff Schedule and Facilities Coordination Meeting
5:45 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
6:30 p.m. Mary & Martha Circle
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 215 Meeting

Tuesday, March 10 (Daily Readings: Psalm 34; 146; Gen. 42:1-17; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Mark 3:19b-35)

9:00 a.m. Preschool Conference Day
10:00 a.m. Quilters Meeting
5:00 p.m. Soccer Shots
7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
7:30 p.m. PW Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11 (Daily Readings: Psalm 5; 147:1-11; Gen. 42:18-28; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Mark 4:1-20)

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Macdonald Pipers Band Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 12 (Daily Readings: Psalm 27; 147:12-20; Gen. 42:29-38; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Mark 4:21-34)

4:00 p.m. Kinder Karate
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 13 (Daily Readings: Psalm 22; 148; Gen. 43:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:1-9; Mark 4:35-41)

Preparation for PW Retreat

9:00 a.m. TEIS Playgroup
1:00 p.m. Preschool, Miss Verna Visit

Saturday, March 14 (Daily Readings: Psalm 43; 149; Gen. 43:16-34; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Mark 5:1-20)

9:00 a.m. PW Retreat

Sunday, March 15 (Daily Readings: Psalm 84; 150; Gen. 44:1-17; Rom. 8:1-10; John 5:25-29)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups
10:30 a.m. Worship, Lent 3
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cathie Smith
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Families M - O
11:30 a.m. Lenten Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders Meeting



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Worship for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
10:30 A.M.

"Changed by Christ So We Can Change the World"

** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

PRELUDE "A Purple Robe" Arr. Kevin Mazimas Ko
Bell Choir

RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** SONG OF GATHERING**
Hymn #720 "Jesus Calls Us"

*** CALL TO HUMILITY**

One: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid.

All: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the light everlasting.

Moment for Silent Prayer

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Though we are cautioned by Scripture about our sin, we are also assured: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us pray:

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

One: People of God, hear the good news of the gospel: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree that we might die to sins and live for righteousness. By his wounds we are healed. This we can know; this we can trust. In Jesus Christ, we have been forgiven and are freed to live for him.

All: Thanks be to God!

*** SONG OF PRAISE**
Hymn #439: "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

(Children may come forward as we sing the last verse for their special time.)