



# Welcome to Worship

## Bethel UMC

A United Methodist Faith Community

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 \* 11:00 am**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

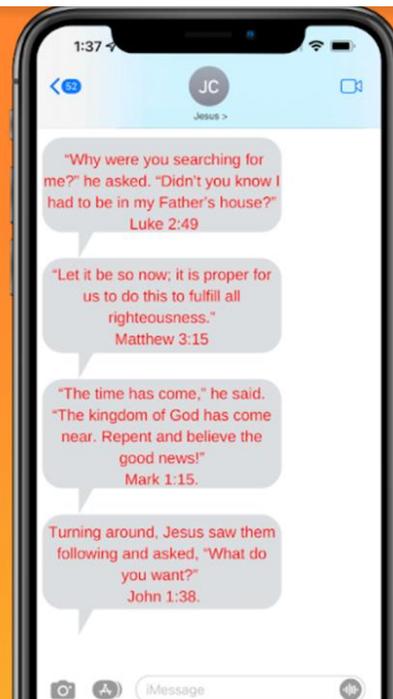
### Mission Statement:

Proclaiming God's love through Spiritual Growth, Grace, Prayer, Compassion, and Hope to All People.

Welcome to Bethel! We're glad to have you join us for worship! We have a nursery available for those who need to change their infants. However, due to COVID protocols, we do not have any nursery workers available at this time. Children ages 3 and up are invited to come to Children's Church in the Fellowship Hall following the Morning Anthem

## First Words

A sermon series about the first words of Jesus



**Order of Worship**  
*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

Entrance

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

\* Hymn of Praise

“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” (UMH #128)

\* Bringing in the Light & the Cross

Acolytes

\* Opening Prayer

**Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed (UMH #880)

\* Gloria Patri

“Glory Be to the Father” (UMH #70)

*(Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.)*

Children’s Message

The Lord’s Prayer (UMH #895)

*(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.)*

\* Morning Anthem

“When We All Get to Heaven” (UMH #701)

Morning Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

*Old Testament* – Isaiah 2:2-4

<sup>2</sup> In days to come

the mountain of the LORD’s house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

*Gospel* – Mark 1:1-5; 14-15

**1** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**2** As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

**3** the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

**4** John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. **5** And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

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**14** Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15** and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Reader: This is the Word of God for us, the People of God.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor James Dettmer

Thanksgiving and Communion

Giving of God’s Tithes & Offerings

\* Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*UMH* #95)

*(Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.)*

*Sending Forth*

\* Hymn of Dedication

“The Summons” (TFWS #2130)

\* Taking the Light of Christ to Our Community

Acolytes

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

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The Opening Prayer is from Amy B. Hunter, “Opening Prayer (Psalm 124, Mark 9),” in Ministry Matters, “Worship Elements: September 26, 2021,” <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6269/worship-elements-september-26-2021>.

The Prayer for Illumination is from Thomas Anderson Langford III (gen. ed.), *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (Nashville, TN: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1992), 442.

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