



Welcome to Worship

Bethel UMC

A United Methodist Faith Community

**November 19, 2023 * 11:00 am
Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost *
Homecoming**

Mission Statement:

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



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

Entrance

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Hymn of Praise

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (UMH #384)

* Bringing in the Light & the Cross

Acolytes

* Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your creation. We thank you for soft breezes, crisp apples, and changing seasons that remind us of your presence and provision.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in our connectedness. We thank you for friends who check in, for church family who lift one another up, for neighbors who show up in the good and challenging times.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice!

God, we delight in your peace that dwells among us. We give thanks for neighbors who offer help in times of trouble, gentleness in the midst of pain, and acts of kindness during seasons of struggle.

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving and rejoicing!

Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed (UMH #881)

* 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

*Morning Anthem

“Change My Heart, O God”

Bethel Choir

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

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Chris Nickels, Piano

Sermon

“Gods Extreme Makeover”

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Invitation to the Lord’s Table (*UMH # 12*)

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.)

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving (UMH #13-14)

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.)

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

* Hymn of Dedication

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings” (UMH #383)

* Taking the Light of Christ to Our Community

Acolytes

* Benediction

* Postlude

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