

Prayer REQUESTS

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

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Dr. Kristine Lee
Organist

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"

July 9, 2023

6th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Gordon Young

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

In times of weakness and hour of need,
**yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.**

When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
**yours are the arms stretched out to help us,
the grace that we depend on.**

In times of weakness and hour of need,
your voice is heard,

‘Come...find rest.’

This is grace divine,
the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit,
the path that leads to you,
and for which we offer our offering of praise.

Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

UMH 400

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH 881

*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Scripture Reading

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Offering

Offertory

“Interlude”
Kristine Lee, organ

J. Pachelbel

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem

“Go Ye Therefore”

Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Taking the Yoke”

Rev. Megan Gray

*Hymn

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”

UMH 438

*Benediction

*Postlude

“I Exalt Thee”

Pete Sanchez, Jr.

**Please stand if able*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, Andy Cannon, Mike Woodrum & Chris Moore

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Richard and Nancy Hope’s 50th wedding anniversary.