

Poinsettia orders are due by Monday, November 20th. Order forms can be found in the November newsletter as well as the Sunday school classrooms and the church office.

The Third Thursday Ladies want to thank everyone who donated to the hats and gloves drive for Sidewalk Hope. It was a huge success - we collected over 350 sets of hats and gloves!

We want to lift the spirits of those unable to be in church with us today. Please help by picking up care cards in the sanctuary. The cards are already addressed and stamped – just write a brief note and drop it in the mail. Thank you for extending your prayers and love to our homebound and others in need.

PRAYER list

Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Libby Davenport
HJ Fleming
Mary Hall
Cathy Hanks
Art Hartzog

David Holder
Toni Holder
Jerry Holland
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Jake Sawyer



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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray
Executive Pastor

Megan Gray
Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging

Chad Deetz
Youth Minister

Dale Fischer
Director of Music

Jana Mathis
Director of Children's Ministries

Jennifer Bartless
Children's Ministry Assistant

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!"

November 12, 2023

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *“Vorspiel”* Adolph Hesse

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship
We gather today hoping to be fed by God.

Sometimes we worry that what we have is not enough.

Jesus fed thousands with just five loaves and two fish; God will feed us today.

Praise God! The little we have is enough for God to receive, bless, and multiply.

God will provide enough for us and for others.

Glory to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”* UMH 357

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalms 78: 1-4* UMH 799

Offering

Offertory *“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”* arr. Dennis Allen
Youth Ensemble

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation *“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”* UMH 629
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 *“Thanksgiving Festival”* arr. John Lewers
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading John 6: 1-14
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Abundance in Community* Rev. Megan Gray

*Hymn *“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”* UMH 344
You may bring your Commitment Card to the altar during the singing of the hymn.

*Benediction

*Postlude *“Te Deum”* Edited by Janet Link

**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, Mike Woodrum, Chris Moore & Andy Cannon

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of all veterans by the Opportunity Sunday school class.