Lent Together worship will take place at Bethel this Wednesday at noon. Rev. Michelle Cockcroft from Trinity UMC will be the preacher. Lunch will follow.

Easter lily orders are due Wednesday, March 13th. Please make payment separately from any other tithes and offerings

PRAYER list

John Benfield
Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
HJ Fleming
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Toni Holder
James Ragstole
Andrew Reitzel
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Fred Robinson
Jake Sawyer
Mike Trisler

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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*	Jennifer Bartless *Coordinator of Children's Ministry*	Dr. Kristine Lee *Organist*

BETHEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Invite. Grow. Send.

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!"

February 25, 2024 **2nd Sunday in Lent**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"What Wondrous Love Is This"* arr. Don Houstad

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Come sinners and saints, God welcomes us with love.
We gather in this place to worship a God who loves us foolishly.
Come sinners and saints, God's love extends beyond the boundaries we put in place.
We come to hear and experience God's out-of-the-box love.
Come sinners and saints, God desires to defy our expectations when it comes to the depth of God's foolish love.
As recipients of God's amazing grace, we come to give thanks for God's foolish love.
Come, let us worship God.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"God of Love and God of Power"* UMH 578

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

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

Scripture Reading Mark 7: 24-29

Offering

Offertory *"Adagio from Organ Concerto IV"* George Frideric Handel
Kristine Lee, organ

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"There is a Balm in Gilead"* UMH 375
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 *"I Surrender, Lord"* arr. Ovokaitys/Austin
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Luke 13: 10-17
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Foolish Love…Breaks the Rules* Rev. Megan Gray

*Hymn *"It is Well with My Soul"* UMH 377

*Benediction

*Postlude *"Cornet Voluntary"* John Traverse

**Please stand if able*

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

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade are invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor Maxine Reynold's 96th birthday by Don and Maureen King.