

Bethel United Methodist Church

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship: And the people shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” People spread their cloaks on the road while other spread branches they had cut in the field.

“Now is the acceptable time, says the prophet, now is the time of salvation.”

Some went ahead of him and other followed shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our Father David.”

Now is the season of hope. Now is the acceptable time. Now the day of salvation is near.

Opening Hymn *“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”* by Jeanette Threlfall & W. H. Monk
Ed Keefer, soloist

Opening Prayer: **“A Prayer for a Pandemic”** by Cameron Wiggins Bellm, (Alt.)

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care upon you who cares for us, may we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility of care for our children when their schools close remember those children who will go hungry with no school meals. Many we who have to cancel our trips remember those with no place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. May we who settle in for quarantine at home remember those who have not home. As fear grips our country let us choose the life of love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor, just as God in Christ Jesus has embraced us, and taught us to pray.

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 11:1-11 NIV

Ray Davis

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

4 They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, 5 some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" 6 They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. 7 When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. 8 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. 9 Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna! "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" 10 "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" 11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, He went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message:

"Downward Mobility"

Pastor Baker

Ministry of Music:

"Above All"

By Michael W. Smith
Ed & Miriam Keefer - Duet

Benediction

Also participating in today's service:

Joyce Mentzer, Piano
Nick Mentzer, Camera
Todd Mentzer, Tech, Sound
& Streaming

Announcements:



Live Streaming: Bethel will continue to Live Stream a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and record the service for those who want to view it later. To access the service go to our website, www.bethellewes.org. At the top of the page click on 'Virtual Bethel.' There you will see three choices, 'Virtual Kids' 'Virtual Youth' and 'Virtual Worship.' For the live service, click on Virtual Worship. For Sunday School click on Virtual Kids. For Youth Ministry click on Virtual Youth.



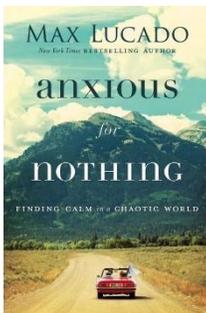
Prayer Link: Need prayer? You can now get prayer requests to the pastoral staff, or if you choose, add a prayer request to our Prayer List. Just go to our Website www.bethellewes.org Across the top of the home page, click on 'Prayer Request' a screen will open for you to enter your prayer request, and whether it is private, or can be shared with our prayer ministry.

Here are some ways you can help the Bethel Family:

- **Be a Tech Buddy:** People who do not have a smart phone or the internet are even more socially distanced from the Bethel Family than society in general. Consider helping a friend or neighbor who isn't digitally connected by offering to be their Tech Buddy to relay information to them over the phone or to print and deliver. Your help will be greatly appreciated
- **Transportation Aid:** If you need someone to pick up groceries or medications for you, please contact Jane Lenkner (302-645-9426) volunteers are available to help. And if you can volunteer to go to the grocery store or the pharmacy for someone who is self-quarantining, please contact Jane Lenkner at the church jane@bethellewes.org. so that we can build a data base of transportation volunteers. Thank you.
- **Occasional Meals:** If you are able to provide and deliver an occasional meal for people who are isolated at home, please contact Jane Lenkner at the church jane@bethellewes.org. so that we can build a data base of occasional meal volunteers. For ongoing meal assistance, we will still work through Kim Book and 'Food to Share' ministry.

Community Needs in the Cape Region:

- **Donate Blood:** Blood supplies are critically low. Make an appointment to donate in either Salisbury or Dover. Call 888-824-6638 or go to www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood
- **Make Protective Masks for Beebe Healthcare Workers:** Sewists are needed to make protective masks. Contact Pam Smith at piecefullypam@gmail.com who will show you completed samples, safety guidelines, and online tutorials.



New Book Study—via Zoom:

A study of Max Lucado's book Anxious for Nothing will be led by Dr. Ellen Marshall beginning soon. Ellen would like to offer the study on Wednesday evenings. The study can be downloaded for free (Thanks to Max Lucado) by following this link: <https://www.faithgateway.com/anxious-for-nothing-obs-registration/>. This Bible Study will be attended remotely; but brought together through Zoom. If you aren't familiar with Zoom, it is easy to use, however, you will need a computer, laptop or tablet with a camera and microphone. For more information contact Ellen at drellen@comcast.net



Your Financial Support

Even though Bethel's ministries are reduced during the pandemic, basic operating expenses are not. Our payroll, conference apportionments, insurance, contracts, and leases continue. Sincere thanks to all who have continued to make contributions and donations.

There are four ways you can continue to support your church.

1. When you are out running errands, you may put an envelope through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House.
2. You can **mail your donations to BUMC**, 129 W. Fourth St. Lewes, DE 19958, which is both safe and efficient.
3. **E-giving** was strong in March! If you would like to begin to give electronically, go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page you will find the word, 'Giving' Click on that and follow the instructions. You can either set up a regular weekly or monthly donation, or you can set up an account so that you can chose the time and amount of your donation.
4. **Text Giving** is a new option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE" and follow the prompts to set it up. Once the account is set up, subsequent donations are quick and easy.

The text option provides a list of funds that are available. Currently they are:

- a. General Fund - keyword "GENERAL"
- b. Debt Reduction - keyword "DEBT"
- c. Missions Booth Registration - keyword "BOOTH"
- d. UMCOR - keyword "UMCOR"



- Congratulations to Joe Baker, who will celebrate his 90th birthday next Sunday.
- Andrew Schaich, son of Wendy & Tom Schaich who has recovered from Covid-19 and will begin working from home next week

Illness:

- All people with the Covid-19 Virus, their families, health care workers, researchers and scientists
- Harriett Smith Windsor, surgery for breast cancer tis week at Johns Hopkins
- Susan Leighton, Trisha Emmett's Aunt is hospitalized with Covid-19 in Pennsylvania, in ICU and on a ventilator.
- Joe & Rose Seay, Rose is Dean Shuttleworth's mom, Joe's his stepdad. They are in separate nursing homes and can't have visitors and are very lonely.

Sympathy to:

- Diane & Roy Miller and family on the death of Diane's mother, Helen Brenner, who was promoted to eternal life on April 3rd. She had recently turned 99 years old.
- The family and friends of Margaret 'Peg' Savage who was promoted to eternal life on March 19th after a short illness.
- Everyone who has lost a family member worldwide because of Covid-19.



Food Assistance & Donations:

First, if someone needs emergency food assistance, contact 302-424-3301, ext. 106. The Food Bank of Delaware warehouse is located at: 1040 Mattlind Way, Milford, DE 19963.

If you want to donate food, Bethel's Hope Ellsworth will be taking a delivery up to the Food Bank of Delaware's Milford Warehouse this week. If you have donations, please call Hope at 302-236-6805. There is a critical need for emergency food assistance at this time. As a reminder, items must not be expired, dented or opened. The most needed items include: Canned fruits and vegetables, Peanut butter, Pasta and jarred sauce, Canned meats (tuna fish, chicken) Rice, Hot and cold cereal. You can reach Hope at 302-236-6805, or visit the Food Bank of Delaware at fbd.org

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For a complete list of Bethel's Staff, visit our website: www.bethellewes.org.
Click on 'About' then click on 'Staff'

Bethel: "A Beacon of Hope at the Beach Since 1779"