



Bethel United Methodist Church

Lewes, Delaware

11:00 a.m. June 14, 2020

Prelude:

Joyce Mentzer

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship:

by Bruce D. Prewer, Alt

I believe I need a shepherd.

Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident,
Because I don't always know the best path, but pretend I do,
Because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness,
Because the things I crave may not be what is good for me,
I need a shepherd.

I believe Jesus, is the best possible shepherd

His wisdom leads me to the best opportunities,
His word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid,
His arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden,
His wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.

I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.

I believe that I do not find him but he finds me,
That I am under His care by virtue of sheer grace,
That the shepherd became a lamb, to bear away my sins.
That the love He gives me is to be shared with others,

That He treasures my name and prepares a place for me with Him,
Jesus is my good shepherd.

Opening Song: *"Shout to the Lord"*

by: Darlene Zschech
Solo: Kathy Wetherhold
Guitar: Paul Faircloth

Prayer of the Week:

From: Ministry Matters

O God of grace abounding and love without limits, we thank You for Your infinite mercy. It has been the source of our life and faith through all our days, and before that, through the days of our ancestors. When the whip of Pharaoh held Israel in bondage, You broke the yoke of the tyrant, and set the prisoners free. When the exiles in Babylon trembled before their captors, You raised up a deliverer, and the refugees returned to the land of promise. And when their descendants believed their sin had doomed them to life without hope, You sent Your Son, and the hopeless rejoiced. Not only did You redeem them from their sin, but You reconciled them in the midst of their iniquity. We thank You, dear Lord, that where sin abounds, grace much more abounds.

You call us to be a priestly people and a holy nation, but we, like lost sheep, go astray. We know that peace comes through openness to our neighbors, but we make little effort to knock down the walls between us. We know that the soft answer turns away wrath, but we greet our enemies with hard words and unkind looks. We know that self-giving breeds self-givers, but we withhold from others the grace with which You treat us. We criticize fellow believers for not patterning their lives after Jesus, yet we do not mirror His life.

Forgive us, O God, for our betrayal of Your call. Let us take our place at the foot of the cross of salvation. Open our ears that we might hear Your commandments, and transform our hearts that we might keep Your covenant. Let us now, as when we first believed, exclaim, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

As we think of other sheep who have gone astray, we think of ourselves as Your instruments for bringing them home. If they tarry for a sympathizing tear, let us shed it without shame. If they wait for a soothing word, let us speak it without hesitation. If they desire a cup of water, let us offer it without delay. If they hunger for a decent meal, let us provide it without suspicion. Remembering that You are not impressed by gracious words when they are unaccompanied by generous deeds, make us the instruments of Your grace in speech and in action.

We are Your people, O God; grant us the wisdom to affirm Your claim upon our lives. We await Your revealing word; grant us the sensitivity to hear Your demands in clear and compelling language. We long to do Your will on earth as in heaven, so we fail neither You nor Your children through Jesus, *Who has 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

Musical Offering: *"Heaven Came Down"* arr. Walters, adpt
Trumpet Trio, Bob Snyder, Todd Mentzer, Nicholas Mentzer

Scripture Lesson: *"Matthew 9:35-10:8"* Ray Davis

9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

10:1 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶ Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

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

Thanks be to God

Message: *"What if It Were Free?"* Pastor Baker

Closing Hymn: *"Amazing Grace"* by John Newton
Solo: Kathy Wetherhold
Guitar: Paul Faircloth

Postlude Joyce Mentzer

Participating in today's service: Nick Mentzer, Camera; Todd Mentzer, Sound & Streaming



Live Streaming: We want you to know that we've changed our YouTube name to make it easier for you to find us, our live streams and our weekly Pajama Sunday School and children's videos. Our YouTube name is **Bethel Lewes**. Just head to YouTube on any device or Smart TV and enter "Bethel Lewes" in the YouTube search bar and there we are!! Click on the lighthouse to see all our videos or past services.

Bethel will continue to Live Stream & record a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. you can view through our website, www.bethellewes.org. At the top of the page click on 'Virtual Bethel.' For the live service, click on Virtual Worship.



Trustees COVID Progress Report

Dear Bethel Family,

The Board of Trustees promises to keep you updated and informed of the many steps we are taking to prepare for the day when all our Church family can finally worship together again.

Last week, we announced the formation of the Bethel COVID-19 Task Force - a subdivision of the Trustees, who will implement and comply with all state mandates. The task force, co-chaired by Patty Marvel and Walt Tydings, has been created to work along with the Trustees to address guidelines and precautions that must be in place before we can even think of opening Bethel's church doors.

We are in search of volunteers who are ready to commit to the task force. The following are some of the positions we need to fill:

- Ushers to assist parishioners to their seats.
- Cleaning staff to disinfect throughout the morning.
- Elevator Attendants.
- Hand Sanitizer Station Assistants.
- Front Door Attendance Takers. (We are taking attendance so that if someone is diagnosed afterward with Covid 19, we can notify everyone to contact their Dr.)
- Temperature Takers, with a forehead scanner.

Volunteers will be trained according to the necessary COVID protocol prior to the opening of church.

If you are willing to volunteer with the task force, contact one of us:

Alison Parsell alisonparsell@gmail.com
Patty Marvel pastladychief82@yahoo.com
Walt Tydings walttydings@gmail.com

Please join me in continuing to pray for God's will.

Alison Parsell, President,
Board of Trustees



Our 2020 High School and College Graduates The Bethel Family extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the members of the Class of 2020. We are proud of all your many achievements, and pray that God will direct your path and bless your future endeavors.

High School Graduates:

- Jade Baker, Musselman High School, Inwood, WV
- Sylvie Elliott, Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences, Georgetown, DE
- Lauren Essex, Potomac Senior High School, Brookfield, VA
- Easton McCullough, McLean High School, McLean, VA
- Rachel McCullough, McLean High School, McLean, VA
- Nicholas Mentzer, Milford High School, Milford, DE
- Kyle Morris, Sussex Technical High School, Georgetown, DE
- Hunter Reifsnyder, Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, DE
- Caelan Slater, Eastlake High School, Chula Vista, CA
- Freddy Sposato, Fork Union Military Academy, Fork Union, VA

College Graduates:

- Cassidy Clark, Delaware Technical & Community College,
- James 'Goss' Ferneyhough, IV, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- Ross Gillan, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC
- Haley Grove, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
- Justin Laws, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- Shannon McCall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY
- Katie Macturk, Davidson College, Davidson, NC
- Alison Palmer, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
- Buck Shockley, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA



From Don Peterson, Interim President, Immanuel Shelter

Dear Volunteers and Friends,

As many of you may already know, Immanuel was slated to end our season on April 1st, however with the COVID-19 funding and volunteer support, we were able to extend the shelter from April 1st until June 3, 2020.

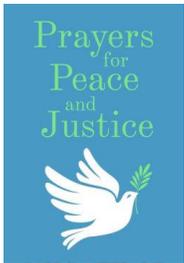
Many of our guests are now working, actively seeking employment or with the help of our manager Toni Short, they have been able to secure benefits through available programs such as SSI, SSD etc. This season, even with the challenges we faced, our overall results were extremely successful. All of our guests were tested for COVID-19 and have been social distancing, and educated on the use of masks and hand washing. In addition, with your help and support Immanuel served over 3,000 lunches and nearly 6,000 dinners over the course of the extended season. We are happy to say that some of our guests have also already found alternative housing.

This is exciting news in spite of the stressful times we have all recently been experiencing. COVID-19 and the impact on our homeless leaves all of us with many unanswered questions and concerns. Some include the possibility that Delaware will be facing increased homelessness in the near future and the looming threat of the possible resurgence of COVID-19 in the fall. These concerns mean that

Immanuel Shelter will continue its work by planning, gathering and organizing resources for the fall and upcoming winter 2020-2021. (The full report from Don Peterson will be in the next Newsletter.)



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.



Call to Prayer for Racial Justice:

Rev. Marjorie Belmont-Burns, Pastor of Faith & Israel United Methodist Churches invites you to join with them in silent prayer every Monday night-7:00 p.m.-7:09 p.m. starting June 15, concluding December 28, 2020. (If you are unable to pray at that hour, please find another time.)

During these nine minutes of prayer, by the power of the Holy Spirit we are petitioning El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) to order our steps as we seek His will and way to bring unity of mind, heart and spirit in our country-AMERICA. It took almost nine minutes to take a life (#GeorgeFloyd: 8 minutes and 46 seconds) and we know the Holy Spirit can work through us empowering God's people to breathe new life into this country.

Where there is hatred, let there be love that passes all understanding. Where there is indecision, let us remain steadfast. Our country needs healing and we know the power of the Holy Spirit can and will bring healing to this land, yet we must do our part.

The Lord appeared to Solomon at night and said: "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14)



Covid-19 Relief Fund: Bethel has funds available if you are having difficulty paying essential bills because of loss of income or employment during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your identity and personal information will be kept confidential. Depending on the size of the need, assistance may be limited.

If you are currently facing a financial hardship, or see one coming in June please, contact Pastor Baker at pastorbaker@bethellewes.org. Assistance is available. Currently we do not need additional donations. Thank you!



Save the Date: Please clear your calendars for 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29th to join the Bethel Church Family and others say farewell, and celebrate Pastor Earle's 40-year career of service to God and The United Methodist Church.

On Sunday August 30, Pastor Jim Penuel will be returning to Union UMC in Bridgeville for a farewell service, and Pastor Earle Baker will be returning to Bethel for a farewell service at Bethel.

News from Dr. Belinda Forbes, our Medical Missionary in Nicaragua

Dear Friends of Mission in Nicaragua,

My greetings and prayers for the health of your churches and communities. Knowing that the impact of the coronavirus-COVID-19 pandemic is being felt worldwide, I want to express my deep gratitude for the ways you have reached out with messages and prayers of hope and love for Nicaragua and ongoing support for me as your missionary. I know many of you have suffered losses and grieve over the lives lost to this virus and the ongoing social and political issues that continue to require our prayers, presence, gifts and service.



Dr. Belinda Forbes

You already know Nicaragua is a vulnerable place, especially for the poorest people who face great challenges to meet their daily needs and access basic health services. The arrival of coronavirus to Nicaragua has compounded that vulnerability, and it will take efforts from every sector to protect and care for the population.



Cases of COVID-19 are now more visible in Nicaragua as hospitals and clinics become saturated with patients. As of May 27, the official number of cases are: 759 confirmed, 354 active, 370 recovered, 35 deaths (5% mortality rate). Other tracking sources and our own personal networks suggest that the numbers are much higher.

Where I serve has a higher risk of coronavirus outbreak due to limitations in health services and access by the population to health information. **Prevention is key to stop the spread of the virus.** AMC is working to reach the communities where they serve with the distribution of PPE (personal protective equipment), medicines and cleaning supplies, and a public awareness campaign

A fundraising campaign called Proteccion Pinolero de Emergencia (PPE) is currently underway. The goal is to distribute masks, faceshields, gloves, and other supplies in our region. We will be distributing protective equipment to health clinics, Maternal Waiting Homes) and community health workers coming into contact with infected patients.



So far, **the PPE campaign has raised \$15,000** and supplies have been purchased and are in process of distribution! On Monday, June 1, we will receive a donation **valued at \$2,000** of faceshields, cloth and N95 masks, gloves, and pulse oximeters.

Thanks to all who have already donated.



Thank You for Your Financial Support

Thank you for your weekly support. We thank everyone who has provided funds to keep Bethel's ministries going. E-giving in April was the highest ever!

There are five ways you can get your gift to Bethel:

1. **Drop off your donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. Fourth St.
2. **Mail donations** to BUMC, 129 W. Fourth St., Lewes, DE.
3. **E-giving:** Go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'

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"
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor before doing this.



Key: Red type indicates a request new this week
Green type indicates an answered prayer
Blue type is Covid-19 related

Joys: Congratulations to Fred & Bev Bunch who will celebrate their 61st Anniversary on June 20th. Fred & Bev's new address is: The Abbey at Westminster Plaza, 2855 Westminster Plaza Drive, Apt. 4418, Houston, Tx 77082.

Hospital:

Illness: Daryl Bradley, Joe Boyle, Kay Poole, Randy Hoffpauir, Rev. Charlie Kind, Jim McCarty, Nora Shuttleworth

Covid-19 Related Requests:

- Marge Alia, Brian Brengel, William Hickman, Layla Hickman, Wilz Hickman, Susan Leighton, Linda Shurkey, Lisa Tzaferos
- All staff and residents of Hospitals, nursing homes and continuing care communities

Other: People who are unemployed and under employed, and homeless families

Sympathy to:

- Emil Tetzner and family on the death of his mother in Pennsylvania, June 4
- Heidi Quillen and family on the death of her mother, June Collier, on June 3
- Gary Eisdorfer and family on the death of his father
- Over **423,000** people have died worldwide, **114,000** have died in the United States many more have lost a family member to Covid-19

Pastor's Changing Appointments

- Lee Parks to the Milton-Nassau Charge which includes White's Chapel and Zion UMCs beginning July 1.
- Pat Bollinger, to Indian Mission UMC, beginning July 1
- Earle Baker, to Retirement, beginning July 1
- James Penuel, to Lewes: Bethel, July 1

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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'

We need your Feedback

- ✚ If you know of someone who is not able to receive the Bethel Newsletter by email, and is not on the newsletter mailing list please contact Sandy Stough at office@bethellewes.org so they can be added.
- ✚ If you would like to have a DVD of Sunday services, email Jane at jane@bethellewes.org so we can get one to you.