

# Bethel United Methodist Church

March 22, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn            *“O God our Help in Ages Past”*            by Isaac Watts  
Bridget Knutsen, soloist  
Joyce Mentzer, Piano

**Opening Prayer: A Prayer for Times of Uncertainty** by Meredith Hodge, adapted

Oh, gracious Lord, thank You for warmly inviting me to approach Your throne of grace in my time of need (Heb. 4:16), and for Your divine ability to quiet me by Your love (Zeph. 3:17). Though my future may *feel* uncertain, I take heart knowing that *You* are unchanging, everlasting, all-powerful, all-knowing, and reigning over all creation. You are the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8).

Heavenly Father, please remind me that You are not a God of confusion but of peace (1 Cor. 14:33). You already know everything that I need (Matt. 6:32), therefore, I have no reason to fear the uncertainty of my future and circumstances! Please keep me in perfect peace as I set my trust in You (Is. 26:3).

Jesus, let me follow Your example in my circumstances. I'm so quick to think that I have to control everything around me, and I'm also quick to think I need to be perfect. Lord, remind me that You do not call me to perfection, but to dependency on You.

Help me remember Your words: “I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). What a soothing word to my soul, merciful Savior! Because You overcame sin, death, and the world, I too can claim victory!

Oh Spirit of truth, declare to me the things that are to come (John 16:13). For the sake of Your name, please lead me and guide me (Ps. 31:3). Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me (Ps. 119:133). I need your truth, not the world's.

It is my heart's desire to fully trust You, and not lean solely on my own understanding. Oh Father, make my paths straight (Prov. 3:5-6). Give me understanding that I may live. Thank You for being an almighty, good, sufficient, grace-giving Lord. I will cling to You, my Rock, my Fortress, my Deliverer (2 Sam. 2:22). I release all my burdens at Your feet, entrusting them to Your tender care 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

Scripture Lesson: *Psalm 90* NIV

Ray Davis

Message: *"Fact, Fear, Faith"*

Pastor Baker

Ministry of Music: *"Who Am I?"*

by Casting Crowns  
Bridget Knutsen, soloist  
Joyce Mentzer, Piano

Benediction

Also participating in today's service:

Nick Mentzer, camera;  
Todd Mentzer, tech, sound &  
streaming

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## Psalm 90

### **A prayer of Moses the man of God.**

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.
- <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- <sup>3</sup> You turn people back to dust,  
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
- <sup>4</sup> A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:
- <sup>6</sup> In the morning it springs up new,  
but by evening it is dry and withered.
- <sup>7</sup> We are consumed by your anger  
and terrified by your indignation.
- <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- <sup>9</sup> All our days pass away under your wrath;  
we finish our years with a moan.
- <sup>10</sup> Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;  
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
- <sup>11</sup> If only we knew the power of your anger!  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

- <sup>12</sup> Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Relent, LORD! How long will it be?  
Have compassion on your servants.
- <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
for as many years as we have seen trouble.
- <sup>16</sup> May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.
- <sup>17</sup> May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.
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## Announcements:

Live Streaming: Bethel will continue to Live Stream a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. The service will also be recorded for those who want to view it later. To access the service go to our website, [www.bethellewes.org](http://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.' Click on Virtual Worship. You will see a slide show of announcements and other information until the service begins. Then all you have to do is sit back and enjoy the service.

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](http://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.

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## Prayer Concerns:

### Illness:

- All people with the Covid-19 Virus, their families, health care workers, researchers and scientists
- Grace Marie Garcia, in NiCU, born 2 months early.
- Joe & Rose Seay, Rose is Dean Shuttleworth's mom, Joe's his step-dad. They are in separate nursing homes and can't have visitors, and are very lonely
- Andrew Schaich, son of Wendy & Tom Schaich, has coronavirus. Hospitalized in NYC hospital with pneumonia and other issues.

### Sympathy:

- Don & Joann Yetter on the death of their son, Brian after a long battle with brain cancer.
- Everyone who has lost a family member worldwide because of Covid-19

### Other:

- Please pray for safe travel for Madison MacElrevey and other Peace Corps Volunteers who are being evacuated from Ghana.