

BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
4th Sunday After the Epiphany
February 2, 2025

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Tolling of the Bell and Prelude
Coming of the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

*Call To Worship:
The love of Christ Jesus be with you all.
And also with you.

Once again, God offers us an hour of special opportunity.
We are in the presence of an amazing grace.

We have been called together by Jesus of Nazareth.
He is the Host in this house of prayer.

Here all distinctions of age, sex, race or class mean nothing.
Here our oneness in Christ means everything. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise.....“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”.....#133

*Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*
Our Heavenly Father, we your humble children invoke your blessing on us.

We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy, whose Word is truth, whose Spirit is goodness, whose holiness is beauty, whose will is peace, whose service is perfect freedom, and in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life.

Unto you be all honor and all glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 71:1-12”.....#794
“O Lord, you are my hope; my trust, Lord, from my youth.”

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Grace.....“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”.....#361

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Epistle Lesson.....1 Corinthians 13:1-13.....Pg. 164

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson.....Luke 4:21-30.....Pg. 57

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn of Faith.....“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”.....#557

Sermon..... Rev. Ben Rogers

Uncomfortable Grace: Living the Gospel Beyond Our Comfort Zones

Week 3: “Faith on the Frontlines: Taking Risks for the Kingdom”

Matthew 14:22-33

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....#887

“Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39”

Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Offertory Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

A Service Of Word And Table II.....Pg. 12

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Salvation.....“My Jesus, I Love Thee”.....#172

*Benediction

May God our Creator renew in us the creative Spirit that brings healing and life to our world. May Jesus the Christ uphold us in grace and love. May the Holy Spirit fill us with courage to be bearers of God's song of hope in our hometown and beyond. Amen.

*Postlude

****Please Stand If Able***

^^ When our worship ends, our service begins! ^^

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Thank You for your thoughtfulness and generosity as we Share the Warmth by bringing a space heater to worship to support Fairfield Council on Aging. Your donation will help provide warmth and comfort to seniors in need, living out Christ's call to care for others.
- ❖ Bethel Faith in Action will be meeting directly following worship today.
- ❖ Monday, February 3- Bethel Christian Women & Fairfield Christian Men (7pm)
Make plans to join us at Mr. Tim Raymond from Boys Farm in Newberry will be joining us!
- ❖ Wednesday, February 5- Wesley's Theology of Love Bible Study (6pm)
- ❖ Thursday, February 6- Bethel Covenant Prayer Group (10am)
- ❖ Tuesday, February 11- Mature Years (11am)
- ❖ Sunday, February 16- We will take up a love offering to support the weekend Meals on Wheels Program, helping provide meals for our most vulnerable neighbors. If you feel led to give, please mark "Meals on Wheels" on your check or offering envelope – every gift makes a difference!
- ❖ Sunday, February 23- We will be joined during worship by a speaker from the Gideons ministry to tells us how they are spreading the Word of God to the community and beyond!

Prayer Thought of the Week

A Bible is meant to be read and trusted, not displayed and dusted.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of God by Mrs. Samantha Burroughs.

We Are in Prayer For:

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,
Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis,
Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry, Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson,
Nancy Dail, Amanda Godfrey, Eddie Robinson, Tiffany Kent, Brenda Koon,
Alan & Debbie Withers, Family of Willie Long, Family of George Windish,
The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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