

**Order of Worship
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2018 10:45 AM**

Bethel United Methodist Church seeks to be a church that fulfills the spiritual needs of the community, shows God's love to all, and serves God in all it does.

Fanfare

The Chiming Hour While the chimes play, pray.

Lighting of the Candles Welcome God into our midst.

Prelude

Prayer of Meditation Teach us to love as you love.

Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn** UMH #540 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" (verses 1, 2)

Greeting

L. Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

C. Show us your holy pathways.

L. Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

C. Teach us to follow where you lead.

L. We trust in your way, O Lord

C. To you, we lift up our souls. Amen.

Hymn FWS #3025 "God is Speaking" (verse 1)

God is speaking.

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Do you hear?

Do you hear?

Trust and you will hear Him.

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He is love.

He is love.

Prayer for Lent - (unison) Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and mercy itself. Amen.

Lenten Sharing - Terry McKinley

Choir Anthem "Walk Along Beside Me, Oh My Lord" Don Besig

Prayer of Illumination

O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to your Scripture, send your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the good news of your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond with wonder, faith and trust. **Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Psalm 51.1-17 (OT pages 492-493)

Bethel Children's Choir

Children's Message

Aubrey Bates
Hymn FWS #2233 "Where Children Belong"

Sermon

"Love Cleanses"
Pastor Hines
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Hymn FWS #2025 "As the Deer"

Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

***Passing of the Peace**" (ushers please come forward as people are seated)

Offering

Offertory "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured out into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38, NIV).

***Doxology**

Praise and glory to the Father, praise and glory to the Son. Praise and glory to the Spirit, ever three and ever One. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn** UMH #384 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" (verses 1, 4)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***indicates stand if able—**

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP THIS DAY

Greeter: Joan Spiece
Nursery (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Vanderwerf/Wynn **Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon
Tellers: Terry Allen/Trish Richards
Ushers: Dot Shantz, Jean Domin, Anne Hoffman, Kim Bradbury
Flowers: Mary Lou Keim - In Memory of Earl & Mary Howe, Parents
Coffee Hour: Congregation. Say, "I Love You" with chocolate and strawberries. Gluten-free items available.

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

Greeter: Allen Collins **Liturgist:** Lori Corbett
Nursery (Birth-2 yr.): Bachrach/Vanderwerf/Wynn **Pre-School** (3-4 yr.): Open
Computer Operators: Haring/Desimone/Raab/Spiece/Murray/Bates/Hanlon
Tellers: Tina Abel/Joyce Shutt
Ushers: Hal Shutt, Joyce Shutt, Jeff Wynn, Tina Abel
Flowers: DeMarco Family - In Memory of Isabelle DeMarco, Robert DeMarco, & Margret Wescott
Coffee Hour: Congregation. Gluten-free items available.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Tuesday, Feb. 20	1:00 p.m. - U.M.W. Meeting - Chester County Food Bank Presentation 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Tiger Den - Room 203
Wednesday, Feb. 21	7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service - Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. - Coventry Community Chorus - Room 203
Thursday, Feb. 22	9:00 a.m. - Minister's Connexional Meeting - B1 (Green Room) 6:45-7:15 p.m. - Praise and Worship Rehearsal 7:15-8:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, Feb. 25	12:30 p.m. - Lenten Bible study continues - B7 (Library) 2:00-6:00 p.m. - Troop 4 - Eagle Court of Honor - B8 (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, Feb. 26	6:00-8:15 p.m. - Troop 4912 - Room 201 6:30-7:45 p.m. - Troop 41098 - B5 (Café)
Tuesday, Feb. 27	7:00 p.m. - Webelos - Room 203
Wednesday, Feb. 28	7:00 p.m. - Lenten Service - Brownbacks UCC

