**Bethel Prayers and Songs while We Are Sheltered in Place**

**In lieu of bulletins**

**Sunday After Easter**

April 19, 2020

*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.*

**April 19 Sunday after Easter Rev. John Holsey preaching**

***Opening Prayer***

God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ. Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth and in the life energy flowing through our bodies. Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. Amen.

**Hymn** UMH #304 Easter People Raise Your voices

**Prayer of Illumination** Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** John 20.19-31

*(Silent meditation)*

**Hymn** UMH #308 Thine Be the Glory

**Benediction**

Through Christ, God has given us a new birth

into a living hope.

**God has given us an inheritance**

**that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading—**

**an inheritance protected by the power of God.**

Rejoice, therefore, even if for a while

we suffer various trials.

**For life is stronger than death,**

**love is stronger than hate,**

**joy is stronger than sorrow,**

**and the promises of God are sure.**

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Activity packets are available in a basket in the narthex for children to use during church services. Feel free to take your packet home with you.

**Children Sunday School** in the Education Wing after the Children’s Message.

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*“Growing in Christ together, sharing God’s love with everyone.”*



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