



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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March 3, 2024

11:00 a.m.

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT / COMMUNION SUNDAY

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte(s):	Josiah Minor(11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Loreen Paiva (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Nerine Hlickman, David Ayers (11:00)

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

Intrada *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* UMH No. 269

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Loreen Paiva

Leader: Lenten travelers, why are you here?

Congregation: We gather to do the work of worship.

Leader: Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

Congregation: We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Leader: Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

Congregation: We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

Congregation: God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Leader: Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

Congregation: Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

***Hymn** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* UMH No. 614

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)* UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer Loreen Paiva

**O God our deliverer,
You led your people of old through the wilderness and brought them to the Promised Land.
Guide now the people of your church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the
wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem *Wondrous Love, Wondrous Cross* arr. by Joseph Martin
Based on tunes: WONDROUS LOVE, Walker's Southern Harmony and HAMBURG by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Time with Children Brad Thomas

STEWARDSHIP	2/25
General Fund	3793.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Upper Room	8.00
Easter Flowers	82.00
Music Camp	900.00
ATTENDANCE	2/25
In-person Worship (8:30am-33; 11am-75)	108
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	77
Total in Worship	185

COUNTING TEAMS	
3/3	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
3/10	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
3/17	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
3/24	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther

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Prayer of Illumination Loreen Paiva
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

***Gospel Reading** Matthew 26:69-75 Loreen Paiva
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Message of Jesus' Passion: "Denied by His Own" Pastor Paul Song

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer."

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor Paul Song

Confession and Pardon (on screen)
All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Chorale: "O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall" Sebald Heyd (1525)
Prelude on "O Man, Lament Thy Grievous Fall," Johann Sebastian Bach
from *The Little Organ Book*, BWV 622 (21 March 1685-1750)

"O man, lament thy grievous fall, for which Christ left His Father's hall and came to earth from heaven.
He of a virgin maiden pure was born, of man the Savior sure, and came earth's ills to leaven.
The dead He raised again to life, the sick He loosed from pain and strife, until the time appointed
That He for us should shed His blood and take on Him our sin's dark load, stretched on the cross
accursed."

***Doxology** UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (on the screen)

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895
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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup
(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive bread, dip it into cup.)

Music during Communion Chorale: "Herzliebster Jesu" ("Ah, Holy Jesus") UMH No. 289
Chorale Prelude on "Ah, Holy Jesus" Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Chorale Improvisation on "Ah, Holy Jesus" Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (on screen)
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** Go to Dark Gethsemane UMH No. 290

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** Shalom to You UMH No. 666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Exodus O Day of God, Draw Nigh UMH No. 730
