

Bethel Mennonite Church

“Serving Jesus, Loving Others”

Vol. 61

March 24, 2019

No. 12

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:40a.m. – Worship

We gather to worship

Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Now, may the God of peace himself cause you to be completely dedicated to him; and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept intact and blameless at our Lord Jesus Christ's coming. The one who is calling you is faithful and will do this.

I Thessalonians 5:23-24 (Common English Bible)

Welcome

Prelude

I owe the Lord a morning song - HWB #651

This is the day - HWB #642

Call to Worship from Psalm 63 (see insert)

Offering

We thirst for God

Come, bring your burdens to God - SS #50

I sought the Lord - HWB #506

Oh, have you not heard - HWB #606

God's invitation to us

Oh let all who thirst - HWB #495

Confession and Response

Scripture: Isaiah 55: 1-3a

Prayer (see insert)

Listen, God is calling - SJ #42

God pours out life-giving drink

There is a well - SS #64

Communion (see insert)

Become to us the living bread - HWB #475

We go in God's grace

Sharing: reflections on scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings

Intercessory Prayer

You shall go out with joy - HWB #427

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Items for the **April calendar** are due in the church office by Wednesday, March 27.

Boots, Buckets, and Barrows, by Ted & Co. An MDS fund raiser.

Saturday, March 30. 7:00pm at South Union Mennonite Church.

Mark your calendar for **Guess Who is Coming to Dinner** for the evening of April 7. Return forms by next Sunday, March 31. Extra forms are in the foyer.

PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Remember the Paul Rxtx family, Larry Gleesxn and others who are grieving the death of a loved one. May God's hand of comfort and love be upon them in this time of change.
- Please pray for Kyle Yodxr, Alvin and Ruth Ann's grandson. After just finishing treatments for brain cancer, a new MRI revealed a "flair" which is likely an indicator of the early emergence of another tumor. Alvin and Ruth Ann leave today to help with an MDS project near the family. Please pray for strength for all.

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OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

This Week – March 24

Worship leader: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt,

Janet Wilkxns, Byron Kauffmxn

Speaker:

Greeters: Barb & Byron Kauffmxn

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Kathy Grabxr

Offertory: Bill Barrxtt

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

Next Week – March 31

Worship leader: Ellen Steinxr

Musicians: Bill Barrxtt

Janet Wilkxns, Ellen Steinxr

Speaker: Rebecca Kauffmxn

Greeters: Bill and Carole Barrxtt

Sound/media: Lori Lehmxn

Prelude: Elaine Newcomxr

Offertory: Elaine Newcomxr

Peace Lamp: Cindy Kauffmxn

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Based on Psalms 63)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

**People: We will praise you and
bless you as long as we live.**

*All: O God, you satisfy our souls as
with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings,
we sing for joy, and you uphold us.*

CONFESSION AND RESPONSE

Leader: We are all invited to listen the Lord today.
Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

*All: God of Life, we listen to you,
for you alone have the words of life.
When we realize that we have paid too much attention
to the voices in our world,
we listen to you.*

Leader: When we sense the poverty of our souls
(*pause*),
we listen to you.
When our souls hunger for your abundant life
(*pause*),
we listen to you.

*All: In the morning and in the evening,
we will listen to you.*

Leader: Our generous God provides for us.

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SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Preparation: (Isaiah 55:6-7)

Leader: Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

**People: Let us forsake wicked ways and
unrighteousness thoughts;
let us return to the Lord so we may receive mercy,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

(*silence*)

Invitation:

Leader: God of all who thirst,
our hearts are parched from wandering in deserts
far from your life-giving springs.
Call us to your well.

*All: Fill our cups with the water of your grace.
Let your love overflow in our hearts,
and make us fully alive. Amen.*

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

All: Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.