

## PRAYER & PRAISE NOTES

- Praise God that Lee Jordxn came through his surgery well! He will remain in the hospital for another week or so as his body begins the healing process. Give thanks for those who are caring for him. May God's love, strength and peace continue to be present with Lee and Tesa in these days.
- Pray for Linda Rxth, that God would provide strength and grace during this time of transition as she undertakes a move to Columbus.
- Remember in prayer those with health concerns, including: Evan Dixon, Mary Y., Ellie K., Mary Kay, Ruth Y., Alejandr A., Kyle Yodxr; as well as others you know. May God strengthen and encourage their hearts day by day.
- Pray for students as they continue their studies, and for teachers as they seek to create a positive learning environment.
- This Thursday is Earth Day. Praise God for the gift of this amazing earth (land, water, sky), for its diversity and complexity! We give thanks that the feet of Jesus walked on this good earth. We confess that human greed and wastefulness continue to harm life on this planet. We pray the Holy Spirit would guide our big and small decisions so that we can join God's work of sustaining and sharing the resources of the earth.

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## Announcements

### Lighting the Peace Lamp:

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you. ... Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see ...”. Luke 24:36, 39a (NRSV)

### Prelude

### Welcome

Gathering song: Holy Spirit, come with power – H #26

### Affirmation of Faith: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
**who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,**  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself**  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God also highly exalted him**  
**and gave him the name that is above every name,**  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
**and every tongue should confess**  
**that Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

### Offering and prayer

### Children's time

Hymn: When peace like a river – H #336

Scripture: I John 1:1 – 2:2

Message: Body matters

Hymn of Response: Wonderful grace of Jesus – H #150

Sharing: reflections on the scripture, joys, requests, thanksgivings.

Intercessory prayer

Sending hymn: Praise God from whom – H #118

Benediction

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A **congregational meeting** is being planned for Sun., April 25, after the worship service. In your mailbox today (& via email) find information about proposed revisions to Bethel's Leadership structure. The meeting will provide an opportunity to hear more about that, to ask questions and give input. Agenda also includes a financial report and update on the renovation project. You are welcome to stay for a fellowship meal afterwards, (food will be provided.)

Rebecca will not have **office hours** this Thursday 22nd as she takes a silent retreat. Email or leave a message and she will reply as soon as possible.

**Spring cleaning** is going on in the church kitchen. There are items on the island that are no longer needed. Help yourself to them. Anything remaining will be donated to MCC Thrift Shop.

**The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash originally scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed for one year.** In the meantime, we encourage you to continue making comforters for MCC in your homes or churches. Handmade comforters bring hope and comfort to the people who receive them. They provide not only warmth, but also a tangible message that their needs are not forgotten. We also invite you to continue making comforter tops and backs (60" x 80"), and we will collect them at the Material Resources Center in Kidron for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash in April 2022. Contact Sarah Geisxr at [SarahGeiser@mcc.org](mailto:SarahGeiser@mcc.org) or (330) 201-4515 for more information.

**Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar** on April 21 & 22 at 8 p.m. EST. Your generosity is making a difference. Join us for this free two night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and churches in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate

change impacts migration and poverty in Central America. Register at [mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar](http://mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar).

Plans are to have **adult Sunday school** classes beginning June 6. Please sign up on the list by the mail boxes marking you would like a quarterly and which type. Quarterlies will only be ordered for those who sign the list. If you have questions please see Ellen

When we gather on Sunday mornings, **thank you** for continuing to wear masks, wash hands, keep distance, and self-quarantine as needed - these are essential actions for the health of our congregation and community.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **TODAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 a.m.** – The Bible Unwrapped, book study

**10:10 a.m.** – Worship. Speaker, Rebecca Kauffmxn.

Following worship – Congregational meeting

Fellowship Meal

**PASTORAL CARE THIS WEEK:** Barb Kauffmxn

## **LAST WEEK**

Worship attendance: 36

*Your generosity empowers our collective work for  
God's kingdom purposes. Thanks.*

### **OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE**

**This Week – April 18**

**Worship leader:** Dick Lindemxr

**Music leader:** Janet Wilkxns

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeter:** Carl & Elaine Newcomxr

**Sound:** Ken Shxnk

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Delaney Anane-Sefxh

**Next Week – April 25**

**Worship leader:** Barb Kauffmxn

**Music leader:** Byron Kauffmxn

**Speaker:** Rebecca Kauffmxn

**Greeters:** Paul & Linda Hostetlrx

**Sound:** Lori Lehmxn

**Media:** Andrew Bloxnt

**Prelude:** Carl Newcomxr