

## Who Are We?

## Our Core Values

We are a welcoming church that  
wants everyone to know God's love.

Love First  
Grace-Powered

Foster Belonging  
Hope, Help, and Healing

*\*Indicates stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Like Abram and Sarai, God calls us to go into the unknown, trusting that God's promises are true.

**Whether we are certain or full of doubts, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

God sends us into the world to journey by faith, believing that God's blessings are greater than anything we can imagine.

**Whether the path is straight or winding, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

God gathers us today with trusted companions, those who also follow God's call, even when it does not make sense to the world around us.

**Whether we journey with friends or feel all alone, God blesses us that we may be a blessing.**

As we gather to worship, may we remember that we are God's people, blessed by God to be a blessing to our world that is hurting and desperately in need of good news.

**God, form us today as a family of faith, that your blessings might flow out of us and into our world, drawing all people into your promise of abundant life and flourishing. Amen.**

*(Lisa Hancock)*

\*OPENING HYMN

**UMH 467**

**"Trust and Obey"**

\*OPENING PRAYER:

**O Lord our God,  
you are always more ready to bestow your blessings on us  
than we are to seek them,  
and are willing to give more than we desire or deserve.  
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,  
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,  
so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened to us;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Book of Common Prayer)*

## TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

***For those who need healing:***

God of compassion, source of life and health, strengthen, restore, and relieve those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially now: Jaxson Clark; Rev. Beth Perez; Jeff Schmidt (son-in-law of Anita Carlson); Ruth Wescott (cousin of Janet Sinning); Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Donna Walters; Claire Field; Nancy Kelly; Doris Frey; Treaver Bleichner (grandson of Julene Bleichner); Dick Hart (brother of Judy Luttmers); David Larsen, Calvin Bell, Vicki McIntosh, Paige Reder, Sara (granddaughter of Anita Carlson), Max Smith (family of Barb Smith), Debbie Webb, so that they may receive healing and help in You.

***For those who have died and for those who mourn:***

Eternal God, by your steadfast love, open your arms of mercy to those who have died, that they may find their place with you, and look with compassion on those who grieve, that they may be comforted by your sure presence and filled with hope in your goodness, especially now: Marlene Sovereign (mother of Sue Vick); Julie McCoy; Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner); Loren Walters; Jared White; Jim Miller (brother of Suze Anderson); Kirsten Hart (mother of Aubree, Gauge and Hunter); Patricia Klingsporn; Debbie Schwartz (sister of Kathy Nerlien).

***For the homebound, those in care facilities, and their caregivers:***

God of all seasons of life, bring comfort to those who are vulnerable, tired, or weak, especially now: Suze Anderson, David Larsen, Nancy Kelly, Bette Josephson, Calvin Bell, Donna Walters, Alan Bourquin, Debbie Byers, John Lloyd, Carol Ramthun, Barb Smith; so that they may be blessed and at peace each day. Inspire and encourage those who care for them, so that their work may be filled with grace and their love may be multiplied.

***For those who celebrate:***

God of blessing, we praise You for the joy we have received and the gift we have in one another. We lift up special thanks for those who celebrate milestones in life – birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, the birth of a child, graduations, promotions, and new jobs – and we ask Your continued blessing upon them, now and always.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*If you or someone you know would like to be included in these prayers, please contact Pastor Andy directly at 210-288-9477 or [Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com).*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to share in this grace with us, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

**W&S 3183**

**“As We Go”**

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Chris Miller

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION**

**FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR PASTOR ANDY:** Pastor Andy's last Sunday is June 14. We will have a farewell potluck for him next Sunday at 11 am. Please bring a favorite dish to share. All are welcome.

**COVENANT GROUP:** The Thursday evening Covenant Group invites you to consider trying out discipleship in the Methodist way by joining them for a trial session. Participate in a couple of meetings to see what it's like and then decide if you are ready to make this covenant commitment. Speak with Kelly VanDeWalker for details.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:** Register for summer church camp through Camp Minnesota! Pastor Andy will lead a Sr. High camp at Northern Pines the **week of June 21st**, and camp offerings are available for younger campers that same week. Grab a Camp Minnesota brochure in the narthex for more information or speak with the pastor.

**NEW CHURCH WEBSITE:** Go to <https://www.byronunitedmethodist.org> and check it out. It is still under some construction – we have events and news items posted, so check those out as they continue to update. The giving page is fully functional for registering and giving online.

**VBS 2026:** Save the dates! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for Aug. 9-13 from 6-8 p.m.

**WOMENS SHELTER AND SUPPORT CENTER:** Please support the **Women's Shelter and Support Center** in its mission of assisting victims of domestic abuse by donating household and personal items for their use. **NEW** items only please. Check out the list on the box in the narthex of needed items. You can contact Janet Sinning with questions at [jsinning@charter.net](mailto:jsinning@charter.net). Thank you for your donations.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father's household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,  
those who curse you I will curse;  
all the families of the earth  
will be blessed because of you.”

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all of their possessions, and those who became members of their household in Haran; and they set out for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, Abram traveled through the land as far as the sacred place at Shechem, at the oak of Moreh. The Canaanites lived in the land at that time. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “I give this land to your descendants,” so Abram built an altar there to the Lord who appeared to him. From there he traveled toward the mountains east of Bethel, and pitched his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and worshipped in the Lord's name. Then Abram set out toward the arid southern plain, making and breaking camp as he went.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PSALM 33:1-12

All you who are righteous,  
shout joyfully to the Lord!  
It's right for those who do right to praise God.  
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre!  
Sing praises to him with the ten-stringed harp!  
Sing to him a new song!  
Play your best with joyful shouts!  
Because the Lord's word is right,  
his every act is done in good faith.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the Lord's faithful love fills the whole earth.  
The skies were made by the Lord's word,  
all their starry multitude by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathered the ocean waters into a heap;  
he put the deep seas into storerooms.  
All the earth honors the Lord;  
all the earth's inhabitants stand in awe of him.  
Because when he spoke, it happened!  
When he commanded, there it was!

The Lord overrules what the nations plan;  
he frustrates what the peoples intend to do.  
But the Lord's plan stands forever;  
what he intends to do lasts from one generation to the next.  
The nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom God has chosen as his possession,  
is truly happy!

\*HYMN

**TFWS 2040**

**"Awesome God"**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence. When it was beyond hope, he had faith in the hope that he would become the father of many nations, in keeping with the promise God spoke to him: *That's how many descendants you will have.* Without losing faith, Abraham, who was nearly 100 years old, took into account his own body, which was as good as dead, and Sarah's womb, which was dead. He didn't hesitate with a lack of faith in God's promise, but he grew strong in faith and gave glory to God. He was fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. Therefore, it was credited to him as righteousness.

But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for us.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus continued on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at a kiosk for collecting taxes. He said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. As Jesus sat down to eat in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined Jesus and his disciples at the table.

But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard it, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. Go and learn what this means: *I want mercy and not sacrifice.* I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners."

While Jesus was speaking to them, a ruler came and knelt in front of him, saying, "My daughter has just died. But come and place your hand on her, and she'll live." So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. Then a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his clothes. She thought, If I only touch his robe I'll be healed.

When Jesus turned and saw her, he said, "Be encouraged, daughter. Your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that time on.

When Jesus went into the ruler's house, he saw the flute players and the distressed crowd. He said, "Go away, because the little girl isn't dead but is asleep"; but they laughed at him. After he had sent the crowd away, Jesus went in and touched her hand, and the little girl rose up. News about this spread throughout that whole region.

*This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God. AMEN.**

SERMON

**"Faith at the Crossroads"**

Pastor Andy

*Good News: God calls us to discover blessing so that we may bless the world.*

*Discipleship: Hear God's call, trust in God, and leave the status quo behind.*

*My Response:*

\*HYMN of INVITATION

**UMH 593**

**"Here I Am, Lord"**

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"Just As I Am without One Plea"** Kelly VanDeWalker, Aubree Hart

\*DOXOLOGY

**UMH 95**

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

\*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

**All things come from you, O God,  
and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours.  
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.  
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,  
that we might have abundant and eternal life.  
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.  
And so, in gratitude for all that you have done,  
we offer ourselves, and all that we have,  
in union with Christ's offering for us.  
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

# Byron United Methodist Church

*Do good, be rich in the good things you do, be generous, and share with others. When you do these things, you will save a treasure for yourselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way you can take hold of what is truly life.* 1 Timothy 6:18-19

Offerings may be placed in plates or given online through our website. Offerings can be made using electronic fund transfers from your bank account or by credit/debit card, with the option to be set as a recurring gift. Please go to <https://www.byronunitedmethodist.org>, or scan the QR code to be directed to the giving page.



#### COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

June 7 – Roger Vick, Nancy White  
June 14 – Al Miller, Paul Riggs  
June 21 – Al Miller, Paul Riggs  
June 28 – Marty Nelson, Terri Nelson

#### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

June 7 – Cathy Huntoon  
June 14 – Cathy Huntoon  
June 21 – NO communion  
June 28 – NO communion

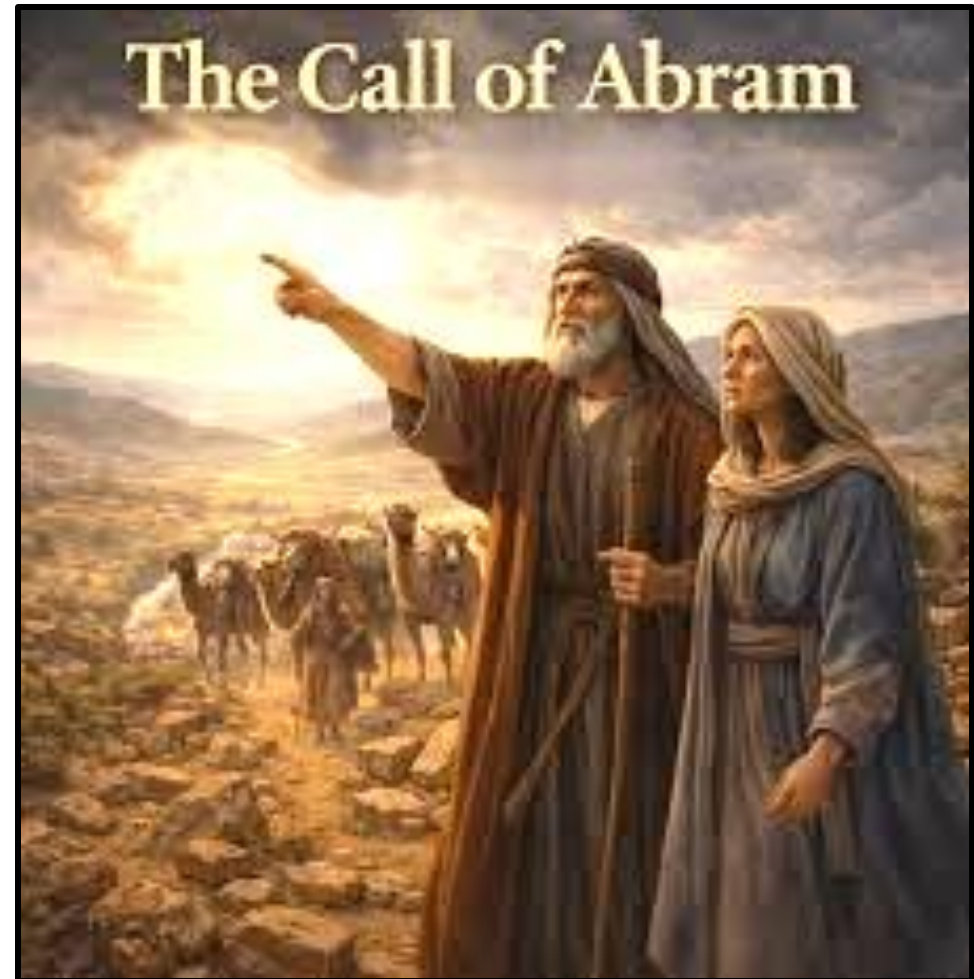
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*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 7, 2026 -- 9:30 a.m.*