

Who Are We?

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

Our Core Values

Love First Foster Belonging
Grace-Powered Hope, Help, and Healing

**Indicates stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

When our way seems unclear, and we are surrounded by loud and conflicting voices...

God will provide.

When we, like Abraham, are trying to be faithful and seem to have no good choices available to us...

God will provide.

When we, like Isaac, are led by those we trust into unjust and harmful situations...

God will provide.

Family in Christ, we gather today to worship God, who meets us in places of fear, confusion, and despair.

We gather to worship God, who provides a way toward abundant life when no way can be found. Thanks be to God! Amen.

(Lisa Hancock)

*OPENING HYMN

UMH 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*OPENING PRAYER:

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSV)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show

you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill^[a] his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

Thanks be to God. AMEN.

SERMON

"Our Sons and Daughters"

Rev. Bruce Buller

*HYMN

UMH 420

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

LITANY PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Grant, almighty God,

that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,
that we may use its resources rightly.

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that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
and grant that we may serve Christ in them,
and love one another as Christ loves us.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died,
that your will for them may be fulfilled;
and we pray that we may share with all your saints
in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer.*

And as Jesus taught us, so we pray, **Our Father...**

OFFERING / *DOXOLOGY **UMH 95**

*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.**

*CLOSING HYMN **TFWS 2241** **"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"**

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Joe Kelley

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

NEW PASTOR PAMPHLET: We welcome Pastor Bea Mungania to Byron UMC. She will be here beginning Sunday, July 12. You can pick up an informational pamphlet in the Narthex to learn more about Pastor Bea.

MEXICAN FIESTA DINNER: As part of Byron Good Neighbor Days, all are invited to a FREE Taco Dinner on **Thurs., July 16 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** Menu features beef & chicken tacos, refried beans, Mexican rice, chips & salsa, dessert, and beverage. Dine-in is free. Carryout available for \$15. Proceeds from carryout will go to support a new monthly free community meal beginning in Sept. 2026. **Please check the sign-up board in the dining room to help with this annual event!**

COMMUNION STEWARDS – we need volunteers for all of July. If able to volunteer for any Sunday, please let Karen in the office know. Thank you.

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.

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE: Go to <https://www.byronunitedmethodist.org> and check it out. We have events and news items posted, so check those out as they continue to update. Bulletins and newsletters are located within the Worship page. Livestream service videos are located under the sermons tab. 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. Thank you for your donations.

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.

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 28 – Marty Nelson, Terri Nelson
July 5 – Al Miller, Nancy White
July 12 – Paul Riggs, Roger Vick
July 19 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson
July 26 – Marty Nelson, Roger Vick

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

June 28 – NO communion
July 5 – **need volunteer**
July 12 – **need volunteer**
July 19 – **need volunteer**
July 26 – **need volunteer**

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026 -- 9:30 a.m.