



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 145:14-21):

ONE: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

ALL: The eyes of all look to You, and You God give them their food in due season. You open Your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

ONE: The LORD is near to all who call on Him in truth. God fulfills the desire of all who fear Him. God hears their cry and saves them.

ALL: The LORD watches over all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His Holy name forever and ever. AMEN!

↑ OPENING HYMN

UMH 526

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, we gather before You with grateful hearts. As Jesus fed the crowd with five loaves and two fish, You continue to provide for us each day. Thank You for the ways You faithfully sustain us. As we praise and worship You, may Your presence, Your truth, and Your Word feed our souls with the Bread of Life. We bring all our prayers to God. Where there is discouragement, fill us with hope, where there is worry, fill us with peace, and where we doubt, increase our faith in God. Take our praise, worship, prayers, and our lives, and use them for Your glory. We for all who enter this place to be spiritually strengthened and redeemed by Your love. In Jesus name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

(As Children Gather

UMH 585 (vs. 1)

"This Little Light of Mine")

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

↑ HYMN **UMH 351** ***“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”***

SERMON ***“When Jesus Feeds”*** Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY **UMH 95** ***“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”***

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING *(based on Psalm 17:1-7, 15):*

Compassionate God, You see us as we are and meet us in the movement of our days. As we bring these gifts for Your ministry, nourish our souls, shape our lives to reflect your righteousness—faithful in love for God and for one another. Empower us to be honest in action, steady in compassion. Open our eyes to behold your face in the neighbors we serve and the work we share. Let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek your presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust and our desire to live in right relationship with You and with one another, until we are satisfied in the likeness of Your grace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(Song as Elements are served **TFWS 2267** ***“Taste and See”***)

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(in unison):*

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.

↑ CLOSING HYMN **UMH 672** ***“God Be with You till We Meet Again”***

BENEDICTION:

Go forth in peace, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Go in peace, Love and Serve God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Leaders:

Music / Pianist – Chris Miller

Scripture Reader - Ann Riggs

Communion Steward – Nancy White

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

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*The Body of Christ
given for you.*



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Aug. 2 – Al Miller, Marty Nelson
Aug. 9 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
Aug. 16 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson
Aug. 23 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
Aug. 30 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

August 2 – Nancy White
September 6 – Cathy Huntoon
October 4 -- **need volunteer**

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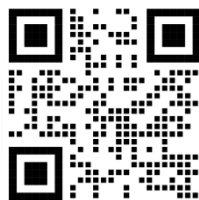
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*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday*

August 2, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

VBS 2026: Vacation Bible School is coming up - scheduled for Aug. 9-13 from 6-8 p.m. All children pre-K through 6th grade are invited for a free Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is "**Everywhere Fun Fair!**". You can learn more about this year's VBS program and register your child / children at <https://www.myvbs.org/byronumc> or scan this QR code which takes you to the information and registration page.



Please help VBS with their 2026 Mission Project...collecting school supplies to make School Kits for Midwest Mission. Collection baskets are in the entrance area. 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. The group meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Speak with Kelly VanDeWalker for details.

GRIEF GROUP: The Grief Group is on break until September.

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@outlook.com. Thank you for your donations.

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 Posted Livestreams tab for viewing at your convenience. The giving page is fully functional for registering and giving online.

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: Claire Field; 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; 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: Carol Ramthun; 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, 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 the church office at byronumchurch@gmail.com or 507-775-6610.