



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP: *(based on Psalm 85:8-13)*

ONE: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for God will speak peace to his people,

ALL: To God's faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

ONE: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

ALL: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

ONE: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

ALL: Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.
AMEN.

↑ OPENING HYMN **UMH 417** **"O For a Heart to Praise My God"**

OPENING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Dear God, we bless Your holy name because You are faithful and full of unfailing love. We thank You for the blessing of this new day. Thank You for carrying us through the past week, providing for our needs, and thank you for gathering us as Your people. As the scripture in Romans 10 reminds us of the importance of calling on Jesus' name. Today, we call upon Your holy name, to worship You with one heart, and to proclaim the good news of Your salvation. Prepare our hearts to hear Your Word. Make our songs, prayers, testimonies, and sermon bring honor and glory to Your name. Fill this sanctuary with Your Holy Spirit, unite us in love, strengthen our faith, and redeem our hope as we praise the name of Jesus. May our gathering today reflect Your goodness and proclaim the beauty of the gospel to all people. We give all the praise, honor, and glory to You God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

SONG

TFWS 2151

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,
in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and

Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

(As Children Gather **UMH 585** (vs. 1) **“This Little Light of Mine”**)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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↑HYMN

UMH 129

“Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

SERMON

“Faith Over Fear”

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING - Psalm 105: *(in unison)*

Faithful God, we come to you with our heart filled with thanksgiving. Together we lift our voices and our offering in grateful remembrance of your saving grace. Thank you for gathering us to sing of your goodness and to remember Your wonders, Your love, and Your presence even when the way forward is hidden from view. As Elijah was used to anoint leaders for your ministry, each of us used to go and share Your love and Your healing with others. Make us vessels of your purposes of justice, salt of compassion, light of the world, and signs of your steadfast love. Receive us and our offerings as praise made visible through faith. Send us out as a congregation who remember, who trust and who, sing of your deliverance in every situation. Thank you for blessing us to witness Your generosity to your people. Amen.

↑CLOSING HYMN

UMH 399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

BENEDICTION:

As you go from this place, remember that Jesus who walked on the water goes before you every day. May God continue to lead you and to help you to keep your vision on Christ beyond every fear. May you walk boldly in the confidence of God’s presence. Like the disciples, may your life proclaim that Jesus is Lord and bring hope to others. Go in the peace of Christ, love and serve God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Leaders:

Music / Pianist – Joe Kelley

Scripture Reader – Holly Rolandson

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Dear Church Family, we are currently facing a financial shortage and humbly ask for your support. Your generous giving helps sustain our ministries, maintain our facilities, and continue serving our community. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Please prayerfully consider contributing as you are able. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

VBS 2026: Vacation Bible School starts today - 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.

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.

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.

Go to <https://www.byronunitedmethodist.org> or scan the QR code to be directed to the giving page.



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

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:

September 6 – Cathy Huntoon
October 4 -- ***need volunteer***

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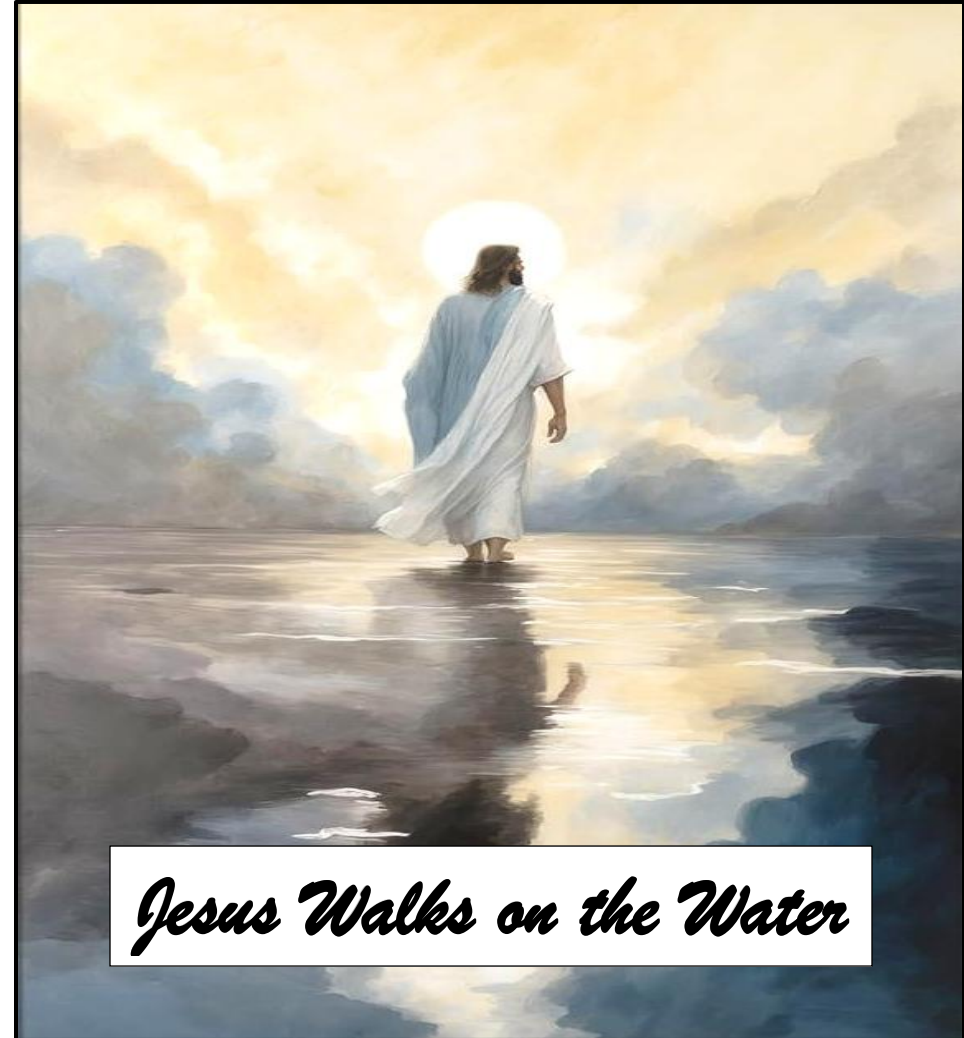
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Jesus Walks on the Water

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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