



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 138)

ONE: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing
Your praise;

**ALL: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name
for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted
Your name and Your Word above everything.**

ONE: On the day I called, You answered me; You increased my strength of soul.

**ALL: All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, for they have
heard the words of Your mouth.**

ONE: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He
perceives from far away.

**ALL: You stretch out Your hand, and Your right hand delivers me. The
LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD,
endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands. Amen.**

↑OPENING HYMN **UMH 127** **"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

OPENING PRAYER: (in unison)

**Dear God, we are grateful for the gift of this beautiful new day. Thank You for
Your faithfulness throughout the past week and for various ways You have
provided for each of us. May we, as a church, continue to pass on the faith
to others. Today, we praise You in the unity of Your love. Open our hearts to
receive Your Word and Your blessings. May our worship glorify Your name.
As we worship You, praise You, and feed from Your Word, we pray that You
fill this sanctuary with Your Holy Spirit. Renew our faith, restore our hope,**

**and open our hearts to receive from You. May our church reflect Your
unfailing love, abundant mercy, and everlasting faithfulness. We pray in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

*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

TFWS 2056

"God Is So Good")

SONG

TFWS 2151

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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↑HYMN **UMH 114** ***“Many Gifts, One Spirit”***

SERMON ***“One Christ, One Body, One Calling”*** 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: *(in unison)*

Faithful God, we come to worship You with our hearts full of thanksgiving. God, You reveal true power not through fear or force, but through love that gives life and builds relationships and community. You call us to know who we are because we know whose we are—Your people, Your children, followings of Christ, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world. Today, we bring some of the gifts You have given to us as an expression of our gratitude to You. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in Your way of life over the ways of death, of courage over control, of hope over despair, of welcome over exclusion. Use our offerings to strengthen Your church as a living witness to Your grace, that through our sharing and our serving, others may discover the identity of Christ and the hope found in Him. Amen.

(based on Exodus 1:8-2:10, Matthew 16:13-20)

↑CLOSING HYMN **UMH 593** ***“Here I Am, Lord”***

BENEDICTION:

Go now in the grace and peace of our Lord.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Go in peace, serve with love, and live as people who have been blessed by God.

POSTLUDE

Worship Service Leaders:

Pastor -- Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

Music / Pianist – Joe Kelley

Scripture Reader – Pastor Bea

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

FINANCIAL UPDATE: Dear Byron UM Church Family, We pray that you and your family's are well in God's caring love. We are reaching out to you to share that 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.

COMMUNITY MEAL – 'COME, BE FED': A new BUMC free monthly meal ministry, "Come, Be Fed", will begin **Thursday, Sept. 17** from **5-6 p.m.** and continuing on the third Thursday of each month. Through the Mexican Fiesta take-out and generous donations we have \$1,000+ to support our ongoing meal mission. We are so grateful for the support of our vision to build community, to show God's love around our tables as we offer a meal. Help us spread the word to the community as **Sept. 17** draws near. -- Chris Miller, "Come, Be Fed" Team Leader

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.

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.

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.

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



Byron United Methodist Church

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. 23 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
Aug. 30 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs
Sept. 6 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs
Sept. 13 – Al Miller, Nancy White
Sept. 20 – Marty Nelson, Roger Vick
Sept. 27 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

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

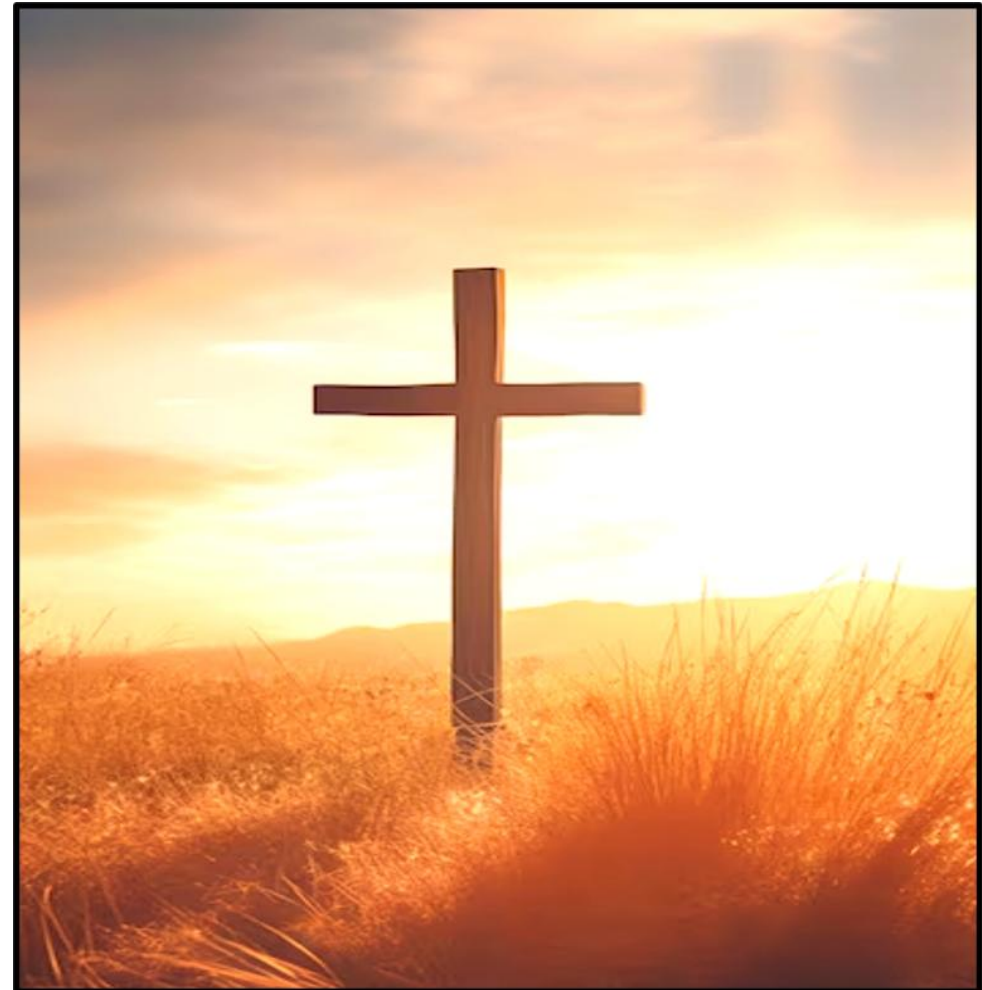
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.