



## 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 105:1-6, 23-26)*

ONE: O give thanks to the LORD; call on His name; make known His deeds  
among the peoples.

**ALL: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.  
Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD  
rejoice.**

ONE: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually.

**ALL: Remember the wonderful works God has done, His miracles and the  
judgments He uttered.**

ONE: O offspring of His servant Abraham, children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

**ALL: And the LORD made His people very fruitful and made them stronger  
than their foes. God sent His servant Moses and Aaron, whom He  
had chosen. Amen.**

↑ OPENING HYMN

**UMH 399**

***"Take My Life, and Let It Be"***

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 the blessings You have  
provided for each of us. May we, as a church, continue to pass on 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.**

SONG

**TFWS 2193**

*(sing twice)*

***"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"***

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-8

Moses was taking care of the flock for his father-in-law Jethro, Midian's priest. He led his flock out to the edge of the desert, and he came to God's mountain called Horeb. The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here."

Then the Lord said, "Don't come any closer! Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground." He continued, "I am the God of your father, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God." Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I've clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I've heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I've come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that's full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live.

SONG

**TFWS 2151**

***"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"***

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:9-15

Now the Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh and to bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

God said, "I'll be with you. And this will show you that I'm the one who sent you. After you bring the people out of Egypt, you will come back here and worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I now come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' they are going to ask me, 'What's this God's name?' What am I supposed to say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. So say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God continued, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, Abraham's God, Isaac's God, and Jacob's God, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how all generations will remember me.

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(As Children Gather

**TFWS 2056**

**“God Is So Good”**)

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

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## ↑ HYMN

**UMH 338**

**“I Can Hear My Savior Calling”**

## SERMON

**“Called to a Purpose”**

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)*

**Dear God, we worship You with our hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for the gift of this fellowship in Your sanctuary and in Your presence. You call us to be Your children, Your people of faith at Byron United Methodist Church. You have called each of us into Your love and purpose. Send us into the world to bring healing. As You encountered Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as You met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us with Your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive us and our offering as a sign, that we trust Your “I AM” to go with us and follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use our offering to bring freedom, healing, and hope to Your world. Amen.**

*(based on Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28)*

## ↑ 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

**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 the third Thursday of each month. Contact Chris Miller, “Come, Be Fed” Team Leader with any questions.

**READY, SET, WORSHIP!:** Ready, Set, Worship! will resume on Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School will start the following Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** Confirmation class, 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, starting September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

**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.

**GRIEF GROUP:** The Grief Group will resume meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m.** The group offers opportunities to talk about things that cannot be discussed in other settings and to find others who can relate to their situation. The scope of the group is helping others find comfort, healing, and relationships through conversations and fellowship with others. For more information, speak with Marlene Abel or Pastor Bea.

**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](mailto:jsinning@outlook.com). 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: Mike Nerlien; 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](mailto: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. 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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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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