



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 105*):

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

ALL: Sing to God, sing praises to Him; tell of all God's wonderful works. Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

ONE: Then God brought Israel out with silver and gold, and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

ALL: Egypt was glad when they departed, for dread of them had fallen upon it.

ONE: People asked, and God brought quails and gave them food from heaven in abundance.

ALL: God opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river. For God remembered His holy promise and Abraham, His servant.

ONE: So, God brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones, with singing.

ALL: God gave them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples, so that they might keep God's statutes and observe His laws. Praise the LORD! Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, we bow to worship You, grateful for the gift of this new day. Thank You for Your faithful presence throughout the past week. We acknowledge the various blessings You have poured into each life. Today, we lift our hearts and our voices to praise You and rejoice in Your love. Prepare our hearts to receive Your Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School resumes today, Sept. 20th from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m. We have classes for pre-K to 1st grade, 2nd to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade, and youth. All are welcome! If you have any questions or would be interested in helping with Sunday school, please speak with Kelly VanDeWalker.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation class, 8th grade through 12th grade, begins today, Sept. 20th from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m.

GRIEF GROUP: The Grief Group next **meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 10-11 a.m.** and continues the second Wednesday of every month. 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, contact 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.

BEARPACK PROGRAM: Byron UMC pledged to give \$200 monthly (Sept. – May) toward the BearPack Program with Byron Schools. This program helps those families with children in need in our schools. **All donations at coffee fellowship time go toward this fund.** Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

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 jksinning@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 Hudson (brother-in-law of JudyLaine Luttmers); 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: James Stucky (father of Dee Dee Hart); 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.

As we worship You and honor Your Holy name, we pray that You fill this sanctuary with the power of Your Holy Spirit. Let us who are blessed extend blessings to others. Let us who have found mercy find the grace to be merciful. Increase our faith and renew our hope. Bless us to reflect Your lavish love, to show mercy and gratefulness. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SONG

TFWS 2151

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:2-8

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

HYMN

UMH 404

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:9-15

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(As Children Gather

TFWS 2086

“Open Our Eyes”)

Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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↑HYMN

UMH 402

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

SERMON

“One God, Same Grace”

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:

Gracious caring God, we worship You with our hearts full of gratitude. We thank You for the gift of this fellowship with one another in Your faithful presence. Thank You for the gift of salvation for us to live in Christ. In every season, You hold us, and in every struggle, You knit us together as one body of Christ. Receive us and these offerings as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side and living as children of Your kin-dom. Use these offerings to encourage the weary, strengthen Your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims Your grace. In Jesus name, Amen.

(based on Philippians 1:21-30)

↑CLOSING HYMN

UMH 354

“I Surrender All”

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:

Pastor -- Rev. Dr. Bea Mungania

Music / Pianist – Joe Kelley

Scripture Reader – Pastor Bea

Streaming / Sound / Slides – Roger Vick

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:

Sept. 20 – Marty Nelson, Roger Vick
Sept. 27 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

October 4 – Stacey Pappas
November 1 – Leah Fritze
December 6 – **need volunteer**

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.