



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 19):

ONE: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

ALL: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.

ONE: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

ALL: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

ONE: But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

ALL: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

↑ OPENING HYMN

UMH 368

"My Hope Is Built"

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear God, we gather before You with grateful hearts. As Jesus fed His disciples with the Bread and the Cup of salvation, we gather around the Communion Table to fellowship and share in Christ. At Christ's Table, we are one Body in Christ, united by the same faith, the same baptism, and the same calling. We praise You for the many ways Your faithfulness sustains us. May Your presence and Your Word feed our souls with the Bread of Life. Receive our praises and our prayers. Where we face discouragement, fill us with hope. Where there is worry, fill us with peace. Where there is disagreement, teach us to listen. Where we doubt, increase our faith. Take our worship and our lives and use them for Your glory. May we build together a love that works, a sense of belonging, a healing community, and a redeeming hope in God. Through Jesus' name, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Behold Our God"

Grace Notes Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4-14

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dee Dee Hart

(As Children Gather

TFWS 2086

"Open Our Eyes")

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

"The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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SERMON **“Turning Points”** Renee Wilson

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION to GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

Restoring God, thank You for loving us and meeting us in the movement of our days. You call us beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Jesus Christ. As we bring ourselves and our offerings before You, fill us with Your renewing grace and free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Help us to turn our eyes toward the future You are unfolding for Your church. Bless our generous giving to press us deeper into mercy, to widen the circle of caring and of belonging. Shape us into people who embody Your justice and grace-powered hope. Keep us loving You, rooted in Jesus. Keep us growing in faith. Receive these offerings as a sign of our trust and our desire to support Your mission and ministry. Renew our lives, in Jesus’ name. Amen. (Philippians 3:4-14)

↑HYMN

UMH 374

“Standing on the Promises”

HOLY COMMUNION: THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Song as Elements are served **TFWS 2226** **“Bind Us Together”**)

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:

Pulpit – Renee Wilson, Certified Lay Speaker

Music / Pianist – Joe Kelley

Scripture Reader – Sara Weis

Communion Steward – Stacey Pappas

Streaming / Sound / Slides – Roger Vick

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

PULPIT SUPPLY TODAY, OCT. 4TH: Renee Wilson is leading worship today as Pastor Bea is out of town at the Clergy Leadership Academy.

CONFIRMATION: NO Confirmation class today.

READY, SET, WORSHIP! and LIFT: Our next *Ready, Set, Worship!* service and *LIFT* session is **Sunday, Oct. 11th**. *LIFT* (*Living in Faith Together*) will follow *RSW!* and replaces the regular Sunday school and coffee fellowship. **On Oct. 11, the LIFT gathering** will be a session on *Being the Church - All Things in Common* and will have a build your own hot dog meal and sundae dessert. Everybody, young and old, is invited to LIFT!



THIRD GRADE BIBLES: The third graders will receive their Bibles during the Ready, Set, Worship! service on October 11th.

CLUSTER CHARGE CONFERENCE: Our 2026 Church Conference is scheduled to be held on **Sunday, October 25** as a Cluster Conference at Christ UMC in Rochester at 400 5th Ave. SW from **3:00 – 4:30 p.m.** It is requested that at least three people or more attend with the pastor. Please email or call the church if you would like to attend.

GRIEF GROUP: The Grief Group next **meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 14th from 10-11 a.m.** and continues the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Marlene Abel or Pastor Bea.

‘COME, BE FED’ COMMUNITY MEAL THANK YOU: A big THANK YOU to Chris Miller and her team for all the planning and organizing that went into the ‘Come, Be Fed’ Community Meal on Sept. 17. Thank you to all the volunteers that prepared and worked the meal to make it happen. Forty-five guests were in attendance! **The next Community Meal is Oct. 15.**

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sundays 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.

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: Heather Ellefson; 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; 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); 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, 507-775-6610, or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate.

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.



Byron United Methodist Church

*The Body of Christ
given for you.*



COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Oct. 4 – Paul Riggs, Roger Vick
Oct. 11 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson
Oct. 18 – Roger Vick, Nancy White
Oct. 25 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

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

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*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday*

October 4, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.