



**Bethel**  
CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Born of Love

Shaped by Grace

Transformed for Service

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# Order of Worship

## February 25, 2018

\*Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.

The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in BOLD.

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

Please turn off the ringtone on your cell phone.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call To Worship

One: Lift up your heads and your hearts as we cross the threshold of Sunday worship;

All: **We rejoice that God has called us here to find meaning and purpose, to seek justice and peace, and to turn our attention toward the will and way of God.**

One: Our ritual of Sunday morning worship creates a boundary – God invites us to enter the realm of loving kindness where all are affirmed as “God’s beloved.”

All: **God loves us? Can that really be true?**

One: Yes! That’s why our message is called the “Good News!”

All: **Let us worship God who meets us where we are and loves us into who we can be!**



\*Sing! #162

We Seek to Love

Opening Prayer and Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

**Holy God search us and know us. Cleanse us from hurtful thoughts and feelings that separate us from you, from one another, and even from ourselves. Ignite the flame of your Spirit in us so that we can take up the causes that your son, Jesus lived and died for. Take away our fear of “bearing the cross” of justice and peace, of integrity and authenticity, and of vulnerability and failure. Walk with us as we continue our Lenten journey. Connect us now with Jesus’ ancient prayer, “Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven...”**

## Children's Time

*(Teachers, children and youth depart for Sunday School Classes in Education Hall)*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go!**

## Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Quiet Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

## Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Make Me a Blessing

Jose Alviar, soloist

## \*Doxology

**We give you but your own, what e're the gift may be,  
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully!**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**We make our offerings, small and large, with the hope and confidence that  
all we do, all we offer, all we say, all we think, and all we hope will take  
root in this world and be the source of new expressions of God's love, of  
God's justice, of God's character, of God's mission, and of God's reign.  
May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven through us, alongside us,  
despite us, and for us. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

Take Up

\*Hymn #191

Before Your Cross, O Jesus

\*Benediction

Postlude

Rondo

by Mozart

# Mission Statement

- While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.
- We are an open and affirming congregation welcoming all in God's family wherever each is in life's journey.

## Birthdays This Week

Jim Reed 02/25  
Barbara Hess 02/26  
Brooke Imbrie 02/26  
Avery Spiers 02/27  
Kairi Dieter 02/29  
Altha Satterwhite 03/02

## Today's Worship Leaders

Reader - Paige Unangst  
Flowers - Nancy Hilbrick  
Ushers - George Patch, Barbara Hess, Liz Flannery, John Bentley  
Coffee - HomePerk  
Food - Nancy Hilbrick  
Open and Close - Katherine Dalton  
Sound - Monique Manley-Smith, Nikki Manley-Smith  
Nursery - Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Karen Strickland  
PreK-1st - Hannah Lindsey  
2nd-5th - Janice Burris, Michele Green  
Youth - Pam Schlueter, Ken Ruse

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