



Bethel

CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Born of Love

Shaped by Grace

Transformed for Service

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Order of Worship

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*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.

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Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

*Call To Worship

One: Wake up, wake up! A new day has dawned and we embrace the blessings around us.

Morning People: **Waking up brings us joy. We are excited to embrace the new day!**

Night Owls: **It takes us a while to get warmed up to the gifts of the day. We're glad we made it!**

One: Whether we wake up fast or slow serving as the living God demands that we practice "wakefulness" to the world within us and around us.

Many: **Together let's worship the Living God who provides the vision for a compassionate world.**

Thread Song

Outside My Own Little World

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Holy God, thank you for a new day. We know that you invite us to be fully awake to what's happening to us and to those with whom we share Creation. We confess that we sleep through life at times because we are afraid or overwhelmed or worn out. Help us to keep awake not just in church but as the mind, heart, hands and feet of the Risen Christ in our daily lives. Embolden us now with the ancient prayer that Jesus shared with his first followers...Our Father/Mother, 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.

Children's Time

*(Teachers, children and youth depart for Sunday School classes in the Education Hall.
As they go, we bring forward our notes for the Vision Board and sing...)*



*Sing! #66

**Help me do the justice to be done today,
Help me love kindness in all I do and say,
Help me walk humbly with you, O God I pray,
Every step of the way, Every step of the way.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 20:7-12

Staying Awake in Church – A Contemporary Story

Sermon

I Try To Stay Awake



*Sing! #161

Open My Eyes Lord

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #785

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

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #491

Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

*Benediction

Postlude

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

Diana Marsden 09/24

Steven Thoma 09/28

Kyle Miranda 09/29

Today's Worship Leaders

Flowers - Pat Lewis

Reader - Nikki Manley-Smith

Ushers - Jim Butler, Jeanine Elliott, Diane Sullivan, Gerry Craig

Sound - Robert Keniston, Jim Keniston

Announcement Slides - Jim Keniston

Coffee - Home Perk

Open and Close - Katherine Dalton

Sanctuary Saints - Diana Marsden

Nursery - Lauren Hake, Kathryn Fairman

PreK-1st - Hannah Lindsey, Dawn Bleyle

2nd-5th - Janice Burris, Michele Green

Youth - Pam Schlueter, Ken Ruse

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