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Serving in Today's Liturgy:

Acolyte: TBD	Lay Leader: Elaine Brimer
AV Tech: Elizabeth Linthicum	Director of Music: Trena Burden
Counters: Roy Tucker & Sandy Sperring	Associate for Music: Chris Ochillo
Campus Cleanup: John Honeycutt	Altar Guild: Elaine Brimer & Stacy Jansson
Nursery: Brenda & Kelly Cannon	Ushers: Johnny Garrison
Sound Tech: Terry Rosser	Van Driver: Bruce Fair for 3/22/20

**Highlights**

When we join the church, we promise to support the church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. The figures below highlight some of the ways that we keep these vows.

March 8, 2020: Attendance: 65 Sunday School: 32

**Household Prayers for this Coming Week**

**Morning** – God, my maker, hold me this day, with the same hand that shapes the mountains, with the same hand that cradles the deep. Keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Evening** – We come to you now, O Lord, weary from the day's journey, thirsty for rest, hungry for peace. Renew us in your love and restore us by your grace, until we find our rest at last by the river of the water of life. Amen.

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**Bethany United Methodist Church**

1509 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666

Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

10:30 a.m.

+ Stand, as you are able.

(Resource Key: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS—The Faith We Sing)

*Welcome to Bethany! Whether you have been here often or never before, the congregation is blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Please join in the bolded responses and in singing the hymns. At the conclusion of the Worship Service, you are cordially invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments in Tyler Hall. There is a place for you here! We're delighted you've joined us today.*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit & Lighting of the Candles

Hymn 473

*Lead Me, Lord*

UMH



**+ Call to Worship**

Leader: Let's sing to God,

People: **for God is here.**

Leader: Let's sing of love,

People: **for love is here.**

Leader: Let's sing and rejoice,

People: **for here our souls are restored.**

**+ Opening Hymn 127** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH

**+ Opening Prayer**

**Ever-present God, even as you are present with us this day, we yearn to feel your presence in our midst each and every day of our lives. Speak to us with words of grace. Reveal yourself with the power of your love. Flow over us with the presence of your Holy Spirit. Help us know the glory of your love and experience the wonder of your grace. In the name of your love, we pray. Amen.**

+ **Gloria Patri, 70** UMH  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Amen.

+ **The Peace**

**Children's Time** Brenda Cannon  
**Anthem** *Fill My Cup Lord* Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination** Gerry Turner  
**Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.**

**Old Testament Lesson (NRSV) Exodus 17:1-7**

+ **Hymn 2108** *O How He Loves You and Me* TFWS

+ **Gospel Lesson (NRSV) John 4:5-42** Pastor Esther

**Sermon** *"Jesus is Where You Are"*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer, 895** UMH

**Offering of the People**

**Offertory**

+ **Doxology, 95** UMH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+ **Prayer of Dedication**

**THANKSGIVING AND SENDING FORTH**

+ **Hymn 170** *O How I Love Jesus* UMH

+ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

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Wed., 3/18	10:00 a.m. – Craft Meeting
Thurs., 3/19	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.–Yoga (Call Rachel at 773-701-8729 for appt.) 6:00 p.m. – Handbells Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – Scouts
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