

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Welcome visitors – please take this opportunity to register your attendance
in the red attendance pads located in the pews.*

*CALL to WORSHIP:

Leader: Children of God, for the sake of the joy, we gather...

All: We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we proclaim...

**All: We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, the love of God that
surrounds us and forms us into a community marked by love for God, self,
neighbor, and all creation.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, we respond...

**All: We respond with our lives, ready to embody our faith as agents of God's
already-and-not-yet kingdom.**

Leader: For the sake of the joy, God sends us...

**All: God sends us into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy
and persevering love of the gospel today and every day.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Triune God who dwells with us as we gather,
proclaim, respond, and go forth from this place.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. AMEN.

(Lisa Hancock)

*OPENING HYMN

TFWS 2210

“Joy Comes with the Dawn”

OPENING PRAYER:

**Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful
of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may
we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or
fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus
Christ. AMEN.**

(Ruth Duck)

OLD TESTAMENT READING (see insert)

Isaiah 5:1-7

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-19 (see insert)

**Indicates stand as you are able.*

EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

GOSPEL READING (see insert)

Luke 12:49-56

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

“See the Cloud Rising”

Pastor Andy Petter

*Good News: In the midst of brokenness, resistance, and evil, God surrounds us with
faithful brothers and sisters, a great cloud of witnesses to inspire and encourage us.*

Discipleship: Run with perseverance the life of faith that ends in joyful eternity with God.

My Response:

*HYMN of INVITATION

TFWS 2212

“My Life Flows On”

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

REAFFIRMATION of FAITH and RECEPTION of NEW MEMBERS

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*PRAYER of THANKSGIVING:

**All things come from you, O God,
and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours.
You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image.
When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.
You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior,
that we might have abundant and eternal life.
All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.
And so, in gratitude for all that you have done,
we offer ourselves, and all that we have,
in union with Christ's offering for us.
By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek Jesus are welcome to share in this grace with us,
whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church at all.*

*CLOSING HYMN

TFWS 2208

“Guide My Feet”

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

Pianist: Joe Kelley

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. Please go to <https://byronmn.umcchurches.org/giving>, or scan the QR code with your smartphone to be directed to the giving page.



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#### COUNTERS SCHEDULE:

Aug. 17 – Al Miller, Marty Nelson  
Aug. 24 – Paul Riggs, Roger Vick  
Aug. 31 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson

#### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Aug. 17 – Nancy White  
Aug. 24 – Chris Miller  
Aug. 31 – Pastor Andy  
Sept. 7 – Cathy Huntoon

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# Byron United Methodist Church



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 17, 2025*

*9:30 a.m.*

## 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: Ruth Wescott (cousin of Janet Sinning); Julie McCoy; Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); Suzy Anderson; Karin Byers; Loren Walters; Donna Walters; Claire Field; 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), Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner), Debbie Webb, so that they may receive healing and help in You.

### ***For those who have died:***

Eternal God, by Your steadfast love, open Your arms of mercy to those who have died, especially now: Jim Miller (brother of Suzy Anderson); Kirsten Hart (mother of Aubree, Gauge and Hunter); Patricia Klingsporn; Debbie Schwartz (sister of Kathy Nerlien); Dan McCollough; Russ Wright; Anita Nelsen; Rev. Deanna Woodward (daughter of the late Kenneth and Lennis Sigrist); Greg Rud; Dawn Bidwell; Jean Franklin (mother of Rev. Sharon Nelson); Loyola Shappell, Dirk Dehn, Ron Fogelson (husband of Kay Fogelson); that they may find their place with You.

### ***For those who mourn:***

Gracious God, whose Son knew our sorrows, our tears, and our death, look with compassion on those who grieve, especially now: the family of Jim Miller; the family of Kirsten Hart; the family of Patricia Klingsporn; the family of Debbie Schwartz; the family of Dan McCollough; the family of Russ Wright; the family of Anita Nelsen; the family of Rev. Deanna Woodward; the family of Greg Rud; the family of Dawn Bidwell; the family of Jean Franklin; the family of Loyola Shappell; the family of Dirk Dehn; the family of Ron Fogelson; and all their friends who mourn with them, so that they may be comforted by Your sure presence and filled with hope in Your goodness.

### ***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: Suzy Anderson, David Larsen, Nancy Kelly, Bette Josephson, Calvin Bell, Loren Walters, Donna Walters, Alan Bourquin, Debbie Byers, John Lloyd, Carol Ramthun, 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 Pastor Andy directly at 210-288-9477 or [Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

**THANK YOU:** Thank you all for your generous responses to our recent financial needs. Your support is deeply appreciated and helps sustain the ministries of our church. We are now keeping up with our ongoing bills and hope to return to paying on our yearly apportionments. – Finance Team

**READY, SET, WORSHIP! and LIFT:** *Ready, Set, Worship!* starts again on **Sunday, September 14th**. Note that we are moving this service to the second Sunday of the month. Also, we are starting a new program to follow RSW! called *LIFT (Living in Faith Together)* that will replace the regular Sunday school and coffee fellowship. As with RSW!, *LIFT* will be for people of all ages. Lunch will be included as part of *LIFT* as we play together, pray together, study God's word together, and eat together as a church family.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 2025-2026:** Sunday School **start date is Sept. 7, 2025**. We have classes for pre-K to 1st grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**BEARPACK PROGRAM:** Byron UMC has 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. ***Continuing for the summer months, all donations at coffee fellowship will help to build up this fund for fall.*** Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

**TRUSTEES SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:** The Trustees are always seeking volunteers for any variety of jobs from mowing the lawn, maintaining the flower bed, or any special inside cleaning or upkeep that either you see needing to be done and are willing to do. Use your time and talent to help keep your church in good shape. Contact Roger Vick with any questions or ideas.

**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 items for their use. Please check out the list of needed items located on the box in the narthex. If you have any questions, you can contact Janet Sinning at [jinning@charter.net](mailto:jinning@charter.net). Thank you for your donations.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the dining room to volunteer to prep coffee, cookies, donuts, etc. for coffee time on Sundays. Please sign up in advance as it's very helpful for us to know the upcoming Sundays are covered. Please contact the coordinator, Sue Vick, with any questions. Thank you to all who serve in Fellowship time.