

## 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, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the  
struggles of our friends, remember:

**All: Put love first.**

Leader: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of  
people near and far, remember:

**All: Put love first.**

Leader: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence  
surround us on every side, remember:

**All: Put love first.**

Leader: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us  
with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

**All: We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that  
mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

*(adapted from Lisa Hancock)*

### \*OPENING HYMN

**TFWS 2236**

**"Gather Us In"**

### OPENING PRAYER:

**Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING (see insert)

Jeremiah 2:4-13

### PSALM 81:1, 10-16 (see insert)

*\*Indicates stand as you are able.*

### EPISTLE READING (see insert)

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### GOSPEL READING (see insert)

Luke 14:1-14

### SERMON **"Take the Place of Value, Not the Place of Honor"** Pastor Andy Petter

*Good News: Jesus frees us from attachments to status, wealth, and things without value  
in the resurrection.*

*Discipleship: Let your way of life show others the eternal value of Christian discipleship.*  
*My Response:*

### \*HYMN of INVITATION

**TFWS 2269**

**"Come, Share the Lord"**

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

### 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 & HEALING and ANOINTING

*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. Those who desire prayers  
and anointing for healing are invited to come forward at this time.*

### \*CLOSING HYMN

**W&S 3033**

**"God of Great and God of Small"**

### BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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Pianist: Chris Miller

*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. 31 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson  
Sept. 7 – Roger Vick, Nancy White  
Sept. 14 – Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs  
Sept. 21 – Al Miller, Terri Nelson  
Sept. 28 – Al Miller, Marty Nelson

#### COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Aug. 31 – Pastor Andy  
Sept. 7 – Cathy Huntoon  
Sept. 14 – *need volunteer* (RSW)  
Sept. 21 – Aubree / Gauge Hart  
Sept. 28 – *need volunteer*

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# Byron United Methodist Church



## *Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 31, 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

**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. 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. *All donations at coffee fellowship time go toward this fund.* Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Marty Nelson for all his mowing during the hottest months this summer, and also to Adam Falk for filling in for Marty. Thank you to Paul Riggs for his painting project of church side doors, and to both Paul and Ann Riggs for their help in cleaning while the custodian was on vacation.

**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.

**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.

**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.