


 **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

\*CALL to WORSHIP:

Leader: Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray.  
Will you come?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Leader: Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit  
astounded at God's greatness?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Leader: Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that  
you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**All: We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Leader: Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and  
in the eyes of our neighbors.

**All: Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!**

\*OPENING HYMN

**TFWS 2202**

***"Come Away with Me"***

OPENING PRAYER:

**Holy God,  
upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah,  
who by his death and resurrection  
would fulfill both the law and the prophets.  
Enlighten our path in the glow of his glory  
that we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humanity  
and so share in the transformation of eternal life,  
the life of him who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory,  
One God, forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(see insert)*

Exodus 34:29-35

*\*Indicates stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Andy

GOSPEL READING *(see insert)*

Luke 9:28-36

SERMON

***"Changed Faces"***

Pastor Andy

\*HYMN of INVITATION

**UMH 258**

***"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"***

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

***"Holy Ground"***

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

**UMH 451**

***"Be Thou My Vision"***

BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE

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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:**

- Mar. 2 -- Marty Nelson, Paul Riggs
- Mar. 9 -- Al Miller, Terri Nelson
- Mar. 16 -- Al Miller, Nancy White
- Mar. 23 -- Terri Nelson, Roger Vick
- Mar. 30 -- Marty Nelson, Roger Vick

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:**

- Mar. 2 -- Cathy Huntoon
- Mar. 9 -- Pastor Andy, Aubree Hart
- Mar. 16 -- Chris Miller (RSW)
- Mar. 23 -- Nancy White
- Mar. 30 -- *need volunteer*

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# Byron United Methodist Church



*The Transfiguration by William Hole*

## Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 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: Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Loren Walters; Donna Walters; Jim Miller (brother of Suze Anderson); 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: Dan McCollough; Russ Wright; Anita Nelsen; Rev. Deanna Woodward (daughter of the late Kenneth and Lennis Sigris); Greg Rud; Dawn Bidwell; Jean Franklin (mother of Rev. Sharon Nelson); Loyola Shappell, Dirk Dehn, George Beech; 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 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 George Beech; 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: 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

**CAN YOU HEAR ME?** Do you have trouble hearing during the worship service (or certain parts of the service)? Let's talk about it so that we can work on fixing the issue. Join Pastor Andy during coffee hour today, March 2nd, to tell him about these issues. If you can't be there but want to share your experiences with hearing difficulties at Byron UMC, please email him.

**ASH WEDNESDAY and LENT:** The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Ash Wednesday is a day to remember that we are mortal beings. Lent is a season of repentance and deepening commitment to faith that culminates in the celebration of resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is through Jesus' resurrection that we mere mortals are resurrected to eternal life. **Ash Wednesday service** will be in the evening at **6:15 p.m.** Note that choir rehearsal will be canceled that evening.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY:** Join us for a six-week Lenten study as we dive into Bishop Tom Berlin's book, *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, **starting Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM.** From the publisher: on the third day, he rose again. In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. [You can order the book at Cokesbury.com or search online at other major book retailers.](#)

**GRIEF GROUP:** Our next ***grief group meeting*** at Byron UMC is ***Wed., March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-11 a.m.*** The group offers opportunities to talk about things that cannot be discussed in other settings and to find others who can relate to their situation. For more information, please contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

**SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPER:** The Salem Sailors 4-H group is hosting its annual Senior Citizen Supper on ***Sunday, March 9 at Byron UMC.*** Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. This is free to seniors and all seniors are welcome!

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:** Pastor Andy will again lead the Faith, Fun, and Friends youth camp for Jr and Sr High students at Northern Pines this summer, June 22-27. There is also a Discovery Camp (age 9-13) available that same week at Northern Pines. Our group from Byron UMC had a great time last year – just ask them! For more information or to check out other camping opportunities, go to [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org).

**SCOUTING RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION AWARDS:** All Scouts (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, etc.) are eligible to work on and receive their Scouting Religious Recognition Medals. Each medal is age appropriate and a growing opportunity for the scout and their family to learn about their faith. If interested, we can work to get all the materials ordered around Ash Wednesday and then complete the program so medals could be presented shortly after Easter. Any questions: Check with your Scout Leader or Rob Thompson (507-634-4345).