

**The Community Proclaims God's Love**

Scripture

Luke 14:25-33

Sermon

*"No Price Too High"*

✦ Sermon Hymn

✦ Invitation to the Offering

✦ Offertory

✦ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

✦ Prayer and Dedication to the Offering

**The Community Responds to the Word of God**

Memorials

Joys and Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

**The Community Goes to Serve God in Mission**

✦ Closing Hymn

✦ Following the Light of Christ into the World

✦ Sending Forth

✦ Postlude

All People are invited for a Time of Fellowship and Refreshment in the Fellowship Hall following Worship.

**Bethel United Church Of Christ**

Waterford, Michigan

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*Third Sunday in Lent*

*A Service of Celebration of Word*

✦ Symbol indicates the time to stand if you are able

**The Community Gathers to Serve God in Worship**

Prelude

Ringing of the Tower Chimes

Receiving the Light of Christ

✦ Welcome and Announcements

✦ Opening Hymn

✦ Call to Worship

Pastor: How happy are those who can live in Your temple, singing Your praises

**People: Happy are those who are strong in the Lord, who want above all else to follow Your steps.**

Pastor: Oh, what a wonderful God we have! How great are His wisdom and knowledge and riches!

**People: For everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by His power, and everything is for His glory forever. (Psalm 84:4-5; Romans 11:33-36)**

✦ Gloria Patri

Glory to be 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.

✦ Unison Prayer of Invocation

Lord God, we are glad to be alive this morning. We thank You for: the gift of life, this moment in time, breathing, feeling, hearing, seeing, for consciousness and awareness. This miracle of life we often take for granted: with blood flowing through our vessels, automatic digestive processes working, eyes bringing signals to our brain, the brain forming ideas, the ability to taste and enjoy food. Lord we should stand up and cheer, we should sing and shout in thanksgiving, life is a miracle, life is a gift, and as we worship You this morning we thank you for it! In Christ's name, Amen.