

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Bruce Westerdahl
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Bill Sutherland, Liturgist

WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

Lighting of the Lent Candles

***SONG OF PRAISE (FWS) 2108 O How He Loves You and Me**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Anthem: God Calls Us Each By Name

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Holy One, we gather this day.

C: We come as we are seeking to bridge the gap, hoping to reach the unreachable.

L: Accept all we bring before you today.

C: Accept our worship, we pray. Amen

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN (UMH) 393 Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER FOR OTHERS - please join Pastor Sandi in prayer for those we have lifted to God

MORNING PRAYER

Where there is division between countries, communities, neighbors, families.

Lord God, heal the rift with understanding. Where war dismisses peace, radicalism defies tolerance, the guilty target the innocent, abuse exploits the abused, Lord God, enter the abyss with love. When the refugee is rejected, lies are presented as truth, trust is betrayed,

Children are forced to grow old too soon, Lord God, be a bridge of hope. When we are more accusing than forgiving, more judgmental than accepting, more hurtful than helpful, more proud than humble, Lord God, mend us and make us worthy in your service as we pray the prayer you have taught us... (see the Lord's Prayer below)

THE LORD'S PRAYER –Our father, who are in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptations, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

COMMUNION

***HYMN OF PRAISE: (UMH) 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY (p 95)**

Lord God, we may not be rich, we may not be poor, we may not be as faithful as you would wish us to be, but we, and the gifts we offer today, are yours. Bless them that they may reach the people and the places most in need. Bless us that in our service we may defy boundaries to meet you on the other side. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16:19-31 (pg 79)
Psalm 41:1-3 (pg 514)**

Message

CLOSING HYMN (UMH) 337 Only Trust Him

***GOOD NEWS:**

May we tighten the laces of our shoes and walk out together, to be a friend to the friendless, to share what we have with those who have nothing, to love those who have forgotten what love feels like. And may God's love, Christ's call and the Spirit's inspiration be with you in this journey and for all eternity.

Sharing Grace:

Do something this week that helps those who are 'invisible', for example; donate food to those who are hungry, stop to chat with someone on the street, etc.

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship downstairs after the service
with our hosts Marilyn and Barbara

SERVING THIS WEEK (3/26/17)

Greeters: Amos and Laura Hammond
Ushers: Ryan Andersen and Maci Nicholson
Scripture Reader: Sarah Stackhouse
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands and Barbara Bailey
Sunday School: Marguerite Miller
Nursery: Terry Fingar and Sonya Andersen
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Door Greeter: Russ Heggie

SERVING NEXT WEEK (4/2/17)

Greeters: Marilyn Sands and Barbara Bailey
Ushers: Bill and Delores Sutherland
Scripture Reader: Joyce Weidrich
Fellowship: Gene & Marilyn James
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Doreen and Laurie
Counters: Ron Salyer and Aimee Perry
Door Greeter: Jeff Stempien

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lenten Lunch – April 6th- First Baptist Church in Penn
Yan – 12:00 – the cost is \$7.00.

Family First – Saturday, April 8th starting at 9:00am.
We will be baking to make “Kindness Plates” to be
taken to local volunteer organizations.

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Zacchaeus

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