



Every Member a Minister

*Live the Life*



*Be the Church*



*Extend the Kingdom*



Bethel Gilead Community Church  
876 Block Rd. Bronson MI. 49028

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SUNDAY  
2020

"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."

# Order of Worship

## Communion Songs:

Jim Erwin/Mary Butters

- Hymn 186 *The Old Rugged Cross, verses 1, 2 and 4*  
Hymn 185 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
Hymn 180 *Worthy is the Lamb That Was Slain*

## Message:

## Handle With Care

2020 Hot Potatoes

## Introduction:

### *The Corona Crisis*

- I. A Divine Memorandum  
.....We are but dust ([Psalm 103:14](#))  
The Corona Crisis = An Existential Crisis: Struggling with our own mortality  
Sin --> Sickness, suffering and death ([Romans 5:12](#), [Ezekiel 18:4](#), [Romans 6:23](#))
- II. Personal Autonomy and the Will of God  
\*My days are numbered ([Psalm 31:15](#); [139:16](#))  
\*More things control me than I have control of!  
\*God can work together for good in all things ([Romans 8:28](#))
- III. Wellness and The Divine Design  
\*Your amazing immune system!  
I am fearfully and wonderfully made. ([Psalm 139:14](#))  
\*The invisible mask = boosting your immunity (Dr. Jockers -- handout)
- IV. "Testing One, Two, Three"  
\*The testing of your faith produces perseverance....([James 1:3](#), [Romans 5:3](#))  
\*"What you believe influences how you behave"  
\*Risk and rewards: "What you risk reveals what you value"

## Application

Knowledge puffs up but love builds up ([1 Corinthians 8:1](#))

Though I have all knowledge....without love I am nothing ([1 Corinthians 13:2](#))

The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself in love. ([Galatians 5:6](#))

What has the Corona Crisis revealed to you about.....

1. The vitality of your faith? ([Isaiah 7:9](#), [Hebrews 1:6](#))
2. The condition of your heart? ([1 Samuel 16:7](#), [Matthew 15:19](#), [Romans 14:1](#))
3. The true purpose of your life on earth? ([Matthew 5:16](#))

Closing Song: Hymn 335 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

# Live the Life with Prayer



## Recent additions

Keith McGuire -- Coronavirus  
The family of Rick Wilcox  
Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

## Praises

Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules on August 20.  
Byler family - recovered from Corona Virus

## Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant  
Ron Will -- being fitted for a glass eye  
Jay Brinkman -- brain tumor  
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer  
Dan Minard -- Dave's brother, pancreatic cancer  
Sharon Shyrigh -- kidney concerns  
Kathy Will's sister, Chris -- heart problems  
Charlie Nussbaum -- 7 year old with brain tumor  
Frank Cabrera's brother - Tito, cirrhosis of liver  
Melissa Houtz' s cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer  
Diane Dudley's brother, Doug, -- lung cancer  
Sarah Jane Fair - back and hip pain  
Jim Wickey -- several health issues  
Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues  
Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer  
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

## Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place  
Eric Smotherman -- COPD

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

**Sunday School classes begin today** -- plan on staying after worship service for a class with Pastor Jim for the adults and classes for the kids.

**Women's Fellowship** -- Tuesday, October 13 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

**BGCC Cookbooks are here!** They are available for a donation to the youth to help support their Compassion International child.

**Altar Flowers** are provided by Sherry McNees in memory of her husband, Mike.

**Small Groups** -- are organizing for the fall. Check your bulletin insert for days and locations. The Thursday afternoon group is also available via Zoom and Facebook -- see Pastor Dave for details.

**Hayride/Bonfire** -- Saturday, October 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Erwins.

**Council Meeting:** October 18 following Sunday school classes.

**Card Shower**-- Eloise Franke's 90th birthday is November 4. Please consider sending her a birthday card at 557 Slisher Road, Bronson, MI 49028

**Offering** -- plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to [bethelgilead.org](http://bethelgilead.org) (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby and turning it in with a voided check.



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### **The Old Rugged Cross**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame,  
And I love that old cross  
where the Dearest and Best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Oh, that old rugged cross,  
so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday  
to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

### **Worthy is the Lamb**

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
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to receive: Power and riches  
and wisdom and strength  
Honor and glory and blessing!  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb that was slain  
Worthy is the Lamb!

### **Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
in the light of His glory and grace.