

Live the Life

Be the Church

Extend the Kingdom







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

> 01 November 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

Worship Songs:

Joy of the Lord Indescribable Step by Step Goodness of God

Message: Handle With Care Introduction: The Cannabis Conundrum

I. Substance Use and Abuse

*Alcohol, tobacco and drugs

Pure Michigan: The Rise of Cannabis

*CBD Products, Medical Marijuana and Recreational Pot

II. Why High?

*Lowdown Feelings

Burdened -- Life is hard!

Bludgeoned -- Life is painful!

Bored -- Life is dull!

"Getting high dulls the pain and lightens the load"

III. "Broken Cisterns" (Jeremiah 2:13)

*Substitutes for God (John 7:37-39)

*"The Most High God" (Genesis 14:22)

*(Hebrews 7:1, Isaiah 6:1, Isaiah 55:8)

IV. A Biblical Counterpart -- "High" on God!

*The Big Three: Love, Peace and Joy

I have loved you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3)

My peace I give to you (John 14:27)

Rejoice in the Lord always (*Philippians 4:4*)

Application

- 1. Who do you know that is unknowingly seeking for God through substances or some other substitute?
- 2. How do you counter pain, hardship and the doldrums?
- 3. What have you substituted for God in your life?

Closing Song: Step by Step

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Lisa Franks -- dizziness and headaches Dale Davis - recovering from surgery

Praises

Keith McGuire -- recovered from Coronavirus Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules on August 20. Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant
Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer
Sharon Shyrigh -- kidney concerns
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

Pray for the upcoming elections



ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Sunday School -- classes for all ages will meet today after worship. The adults will meet with Pastor Jim in the fellowship hall. Today's guest speaker is Judge Kirk Kashian.

Potluck -- There is a potluck today after Sunday School. Everyone is invited to stay!

Annual Meeting -- next Sunday, November 8, following worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day.

Ways to help:

Family Promise -- We are providing evening meals for families the week of November 16-22. The 18th through the 22nd are still available. Please use the sign up sheet in the lobby if you can help. Meals need to be delivered to 311 West Chicago in Coldwater by 6:00 p.m.

Baby Bottle Campaign -- Help support *Beginnings Care for Life Center* by filling a baby bottle with loose change, cash or a check during the month of November. Sign out a bottle from the basket in the lobby and return it on 11/29/20. There is information about the center with the bottles.



Offering --Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to <u>bethelgilead.org</u> (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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Joy of the Lord

Though the tears may fall
my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail
my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise you Lord

In the dead of the night
I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to you
When the waters rise
I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise you Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love
I will praise You Lord

O You shine with glory
Lord of light
I feel alive with you
In Your presence now
I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain
like courage in the fight
I hear you call my name
Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves
Reaching for Your light

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The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength
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Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
and You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt
where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

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Step by Step

Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise You Oh God, you are my God and I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways and step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days

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And step by step you'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days.

Goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love You, Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
in the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after
it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered
now I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
it's running after me

All my life You have been faithful
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