

WEEKLY CALENDAR:
Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 11am-3:30pm

Monday, March 2nd 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
Tuesday, March 3rd
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 3rd
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts
Thursday, March 5th
 5:30 p.m. **Thursday Nights Together**
 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
 7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 6th
 5:00 p.m. **Detroit Baptist Chin**
Saturday, March 7th
 5:00 p.m. **Game Night**
Sunday, March 8th
 10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
 12 noon Classical Indian Dance **GFYG Temple Beth EL 12:15**
 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

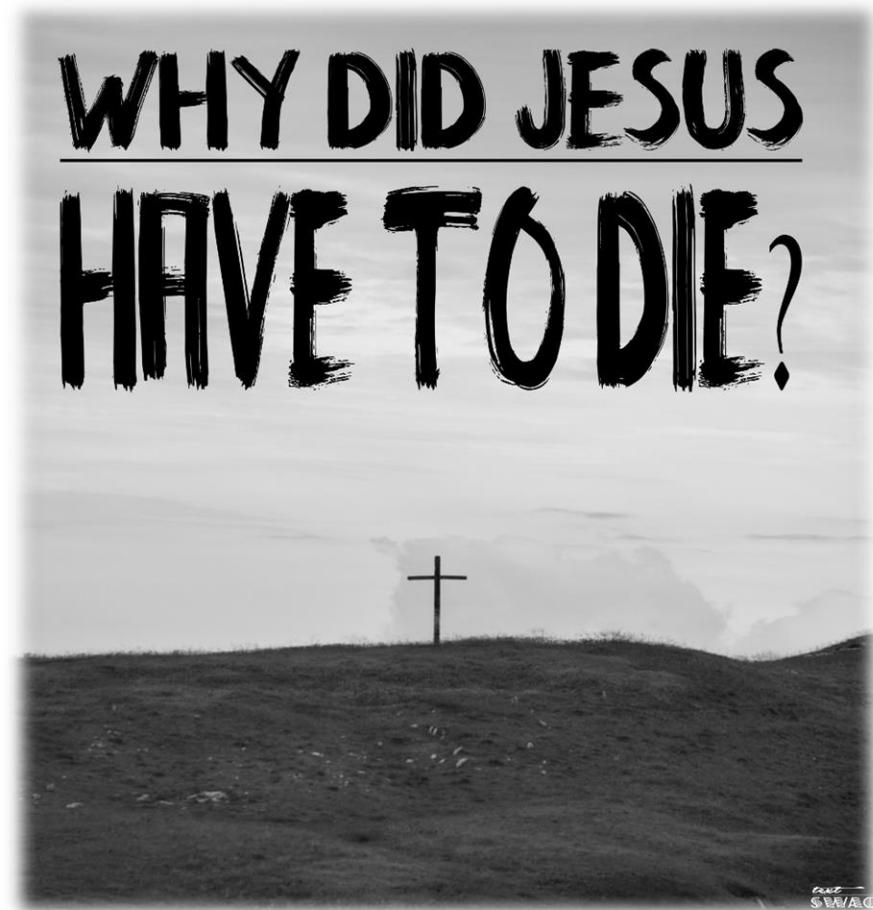


YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**
JOYS AND CONCERNS: Text your joys and concerns to Pastor Brian at (269) 274-0029
ALTAR FLOWERS: **Judith Smith**



- 1st Claudette Howell, Linda Peckham
- 8th Michael Weddell
- 13th Denise Ruff,
- 14th Ben Niemiec
- 15th Ella Hanson
- 16th Scott Riley
- 20th Don Haase
- 22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling
- 24th Sandra Welling
- 26th Doug Tonkovich
- 27th Brenna Drake
- 28th Maggie Clewley
- 31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell
- John Sheppard

18th Don & Connie Haase 24th John & Sandra Welling
 29th Tanner & Susanna



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OUR MISSION

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Brian Steele

HYMN *Lift High the Cross* UMH #159

CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Walker

Leader: Come, all who carry the weight of sin and guilt.

People: Christ has taken up the sins of the world.

Leader: Come, all who long for mercy and grace.

People: God's love has nailed our debts to the cross.

Leader: Come, all who seek a new beginning.

People: By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

All: Let us worship the God of mercy, love, and forgiveness!

OPENING PRAYER Barbara Walker

God, your Word tells us that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and that proves God's love toward us. Our sin leads us to wander away from you. Our sin has caused us to harm ourselves, our neighbors and all of creation. Our sin led your Son to the cross. Yet your love never wavered. Today we thank you for the cross. The cross is dreadful, but it is a sign of your great love. May we never forget that. Amen.

HYMN *O Love Divine What Thou Hast Done* UMH #287

CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:21-25 Barbara Walker

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON Why Did Jesus Have to Die: What We Have Done Rev. Steele

OFFERTORY INVITATION Barbara Walker
(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- Please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION Barbara Walker

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison) Rev. Steele

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION: All are welcome at God's Table Rev. Steele and Pastor Bea

WAYS TO CONNECT Rev. Steele

HYMN *The Old Rugged Cross* UMH #504

SENDING FORTH: **You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!** Rev. Steele

POSTLUDE Yaroslav Daniels

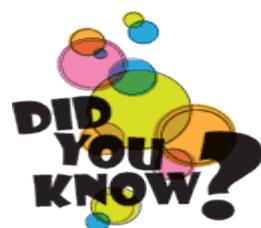
PRAYERS

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, especially the city of Minneapolis.

Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families.

Health: Olivia (cancer), Shumei, Lori, Denise, Tom Benjamin (heart attack)
Erica Palmer, Nikki (heart attack), Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra,
Denise Ruff, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Larry Malloy, Claudette Howell
Cancer: Dakota as she deals with Leukemia and her parents Leslie & Kevin.
Cathy Kwasky, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz, Linda P.

The families in the midst of grief: Judith Young Mayo, Kalakailo, Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.



Did you know our church has three representatives who can go to Annual Conference May 29-31 in Traverse City? Want to know more? Contact Brian at 269-274-0029 or besteele@gmail.com

The Invitation:

Rev. Steele: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

ALL: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rev Steele: Hear the Good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

ALL: Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Bea: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor Bea: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Bea: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor Bea: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor Bea:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him

to preach good news to the poor,

to proclaim release to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always,

in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave

thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to

his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pastor Bea: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus

Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration:

Rev. Steele: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**