

GIVING OF INFLUENCE

November 22, 2020 / 9:00am

*“They will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future.”
(1 timothy 6:19; CEB)*

Worship Leader: Bonni Pear

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

- Prelude** John Kwon
- Welcome** Rev. Park
- Announcements**
- Stewardship Announcement** Jim Young
Finance Treasurer
- Opening Hymn** **“To God Be the Glory” (vs.1&3)** **UMH #98**
- 1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

- 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

- Call to Worship** Bonni Pear
- L: Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.
All Singing TFWS #2031
- Verse:**
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.
- L: Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment, God’s majesty is revealed in all creation.
All Singing TFWS #2031
- L: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?
All: We are God’s beloved children, the stewards whom God has selected to care for God’s world. AMEN.
(Singing TFWS #2031)

Passing the Peace

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Park

***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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.***

PROCLAMATION

- Scripture Reading** **1 Timothy 6:17-19** Bonni Pear
This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.
Thanks be to God
- Giving Testimony** **Why I Do Give** Barbara Bibbs
*You may give online at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving or mail to
Bethany of Fox Valley UMC, 2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504*
- Message** **Giving of Affluence** Rev. Park

SENDING FORTH

- Closing Hymn** **“Thanks to God for My Redeemer”**
- 1. Thanks to God for my Redeemer; thanks for all thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory, thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, thanks for dark and dreary fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten, thanks for peace within my soul!
- 2. Thanks for prayers that thou hast answered, thanks for what thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered, thanks for all thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain and thanks for pleasure, thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure, thanks for love beyond compare!
- 3. Thanks for roses by the wayside, thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!
Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow, thanks for heavenly peace with thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, thanks through all eternity.

- Benediction** Rev. Park
- Postlude** John Kwon

Date	Oct. 25	Nov 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15
In-Person	25	25(Sanctuary) 6(FH)	25(Sanctuary) 1(FH)	--
On-Line	63	68	58	64
Offering	\$8,017	\$4,516	\$3,895 Joash \$270	\$3,070 Joash \$1,480

Announcements

1. SAINTS IN ACTION

Liturgist: Bonni Pear
Power Point preparer: Gwen Daniels
Facebook Live Service: Jim Young & Park Family
Power Point Operator: Jacquee & Ken Lawrence

2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE REDISTRICTING ANNOUNCED

Last year, the NIC announced that the Cabinet would submit legislation in June 2020 to reduce the number of districts from six to five. This measure was approved at the Annual Conference held (virtually) on November 14. The new plan creates five new districts with new names. Once the new plan becomes effective on July 1, 2021, Bethany of Fox Valley will be part of the **Prairie Central District**, along with the other Aurora-based United Methodist churches. If you have questions about the redistricting, please contact Pr. Sam at 847.612.7477(Call or Text) or pastorsam@bfvumc.org.

3. JOASH OFFERING

Following tradition, we will hold a Joash offering during November. Although this year has given us many challenges and limited opportunities to be together, the maintenance of our church home has not stopped. I'm grateful for the many hands and helpers who've contributed their labor and talents over the past several months to improve and maintain our church home. Gardens were revitalized and tended, walls painted and repairs made to the building.

The funds raised during this year's Joash offering will go toward repairs to our front entrance to ensure the doors to our building continue to operate smoothly and securely. I hope during the next several weeks you will consider making a contribution to the amount you are able. Please indicate your contribution as a Joash offering to ensure we designate it to the correct fund. Your support is very much appreciated and vital to keeping our church home in good repair and a welcoming presence in our community.

4. WINTER FUNDRIVE FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Bethany's Trustees are sponsoring a Winter FUNDrive. As in the past, you're invited to donate gently used clothing items, bedding, towels and shoes to help us raise funds to support repairs and maintenance around the church. No furniture, books, electronics or household items at this time. **The drive will run through Friday, January 8th, 2021.** Please make a plan to go through your closets, bag items you wish to donate and drop them off at the church.

Drop Off

Donations may be dropped off at BFVUMC during the week Tuesday through Friday from 9am until noon. We can also arrange to pick-up items or alternative drop off times at the church. Simply email Susanna Brandon susieq60510@yahoo.com or contact her at 630-487-1158. Tax receipts are available. Pick up a hard copy at the church or contact the church office for an email receipt info@bfvumc.org

5. 2020 FALL STEWARDSHIP EVENT (For 2021) "Giving of Influence" Time, Talent and Treasure

We are entering that time of year when we are called to explore our relationship with God by making a commitment to share our time, our talent and our treasures through Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church. We do this as a welcoming, reconciling and missional community with the goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Stewardship Event has begun and will conclude on Sunday

December 6, 2020. The theme this year is Giving of Influence. We are called to be a positive influence in our community. Our influence as God's church is dependent upon how many people we serve and how well we serve. As faithful stewards, we are called to make strong commitments to shine light in and through the ministry and mission of Bethany of Fox Valley UMC. In this way our community will be touched by our good and positive influence. During the worship service on November 22, we will learn how God wants us to give a good influence in our community. You all are invited to take advantage to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ who shared His whole life.

You will find the 2021 Stewardship Commitment Card on Bethany's web site bfvumc.org. Look for "Stewardship 2021" on the home page. New this year is the ability to complete your commitment card online using our website. You will also have the opportunity to complete you cards on paper and mail it to the church office if that is your preference.

We ask that you complete your commitment card, either online or on paper, by December 6, 2020.

6. CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE

Despite the fact that we are holding only online services for the time being, we still plan to decorate our altar area with our traditional poinsettias! Please consider ordering one or more for the sanctuary. The plants may then be picked up on Saturday, December 26 from 9:00am to 10:00am at the church. Orders may be emailed or dropped off at the church office by Sunday, December 13.

Choose between a 6" red or white poinsettia. They are \$11 each. Please make a note as to whether the plant is "in honor of" or "in memory of" a particular person. Please make checks payable to "Bethany of Fox Valley UMC". If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 630.851.8010 or info@BFVUMC.org.

7. PASTORAL VISITATION WITH HOLY COMMUNION

During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, access to Holy Communion has been very limited. Pastor Sam is still on duty to deliver the non-anxious and prayerful presence of God with a pre-packed communion element (Wafer and Juice) to all families of BFVUMC. If you and your whole family would like to receive Holy Communion at your own place, please reach out to Pastor Sam at 847.612.7477(Call or Text) or pastorsam@bfvumc.org and he will be available at your convenience.