

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church seeks to serve God and its neighbors by joyfully living into the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Midweek Lenten Service

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Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Jan Smith, Accompanist

Taizé Style, Week 3

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### WELCOME

### OPENING SONG

ELW #616 "Jesus Remember Me"

### PSALM READING (read responsively) Psalm 81

### PSALM RESPONSE SONG ELW #751 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

### SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 3:1-5 (on back side)

### REFLECTIVE MEDITATION

During this time of meditation, you are invited to rest, breathe, and reflect in whatever way is life-giving for you.

Here are some ideas-

What is the Spirit of the living God writing on your heart today?

Meditate on the phrase "Such confidence that we have through Christ toward God."

Write a letter, maybe to God, maybe to a person in your life, and share what is on your heart.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### CLOSING SONG

ELW #328 "Restore in Us, O God"

## SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 3:1-5

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Surely we do not need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you or from you, do we? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all; and you show that you are a letter of Christ, prepared by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God,