**PRELUDE** *(let us quiet our hearts before the Lord)*

**Welcome to BUMC!** Our church family is delighted that you have joined us to worship today! We pray that you will be blessed by our worship service. We invite those who are not members to consider membership. Please speak with the Pastor or Lay Leader.

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.

**P: We come together to sing of God’s glory.**

L: We come today to rejoice in God’s work.

**P: We come today to give thanks for God’s call and to those who said yes.**

L: We come to worship the God who calls and ordains; the God who loves and redeems.

**All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN “Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” UMH 301**

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison): God, may we have ears to hear and eyes to see. As we experience your word today, may it teach us and reach us in a new way so that we can better live out the call you have on all our lives. Amen.**

**WELCOME & GREETINGS**

**PSALTER Psalm 106: 1-12 UMH 829**

**MUSIC MINISTRY Monica Edwards**

**1st READING Exodus 32: 1 - 14**

L: This is the Word of God

**P: For the People of God**

**SHARINGS, JOYS, CONCERNS & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison):** Gracious and loving God, every day we fail to live in the way you have called us to live. Instead of love and grace, we show anger and impatience. Instead of looking out for the least of these, we look over them for our own benefit. Those you have placed in our lives to help, we have taken for granted. Forgive us for not seeking your heart daily. Forgive us where and when we overlook and take for granted. Forgive us when we do not love as Christ first loved us. Amen.

**MUSIC MINISTRY “Blessed Quietness” BUMC Bell Choir**

**GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 1 - 14**

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**P: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**“There Are Some Things I May Not Know” TFWS 2147**

**“Spirit Song” UMH 347**

**“O Lord, You’re Beautiful” TFWS 2064**

**SERMON Rev. Dr. Alvan Johnson**

**SERMONIC HYMN “He’ll Understand and Say Well Done” Screen**

**PASTOR APPRECIATION**

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY UMH 95**

**NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior“ UMH 351**

**BENEDICTION**

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**Our Mission Statement**

The Bloomfield United Methodist Church’s mission is to be an instrument of God’s purpose in the world by coming together as a Christian faith community which is open to all ages and races; promoting spiritual growth and Christian ideals in daily living; providing opportunity for worship; nurturing and caring for one another; educating our children so they will know God; and reaching out to, and welcoming in the community and the world.



*20th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

*October 15, 2023*

*11:00am*

