

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.
As the prelude begins, please take your seat and center yourself for worship.
**There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.
Please ask an usher to bring you one.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Montgomery

WE PRAISE GOD

*Call to Worship

Today we will look at one of the hardest stories of our faith.

I am the resurrection and the life.

We will hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

And as much as we will want to continue the story,

and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

we will have to wait for resurrection.

Do you believe this?

Together, we will reflect on our faith.

Yes Lord, I believe!

Then let us worship the Lord, our God.

Let us worship God!

*UMH #298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (v. 1-3) Mason

Prayer of Confession

Creating, redeeming and sustaining God, we confess that the story we are about to hear is a hard one. It was tempting to skip worship today; to come back when it is time to celebrate resurrection. And yet we know that this part of the story is just as important to read as the rest of it. We know that it is important to acknowledge the things in this world that are hard as we seek to do the transformative work you are calling us to do. Keep us focused in worship today and then as we leave this space as we seek to shine light into the darkness, share love in the midst of hatred and uncover grace where hope seems lost. Amen.

Offertory *Christ Lay in Bonds of Death* Pachelbel

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Bethel Ministers and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Rev. Reggie Rowell, Minister of Congregational Care
Bill Webb, Organist



Candy and Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 16th at 11 a.m., we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. If you would like to donate **individually wrapped** candy for this event, please drop it off at the church office. Also, if you would like to volunteer for this event, please let Pastor Julie know.



The Living Cross

Please bring flowers and help us decorate the living cross on Easter Sunday, April 17th.



Good Friday

Good Friday is observed on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day Christians commemorate the passion, or suffering, and death on the cross of Jesus Christ. Many Christians spend Good Friday in fasting, prayer, repentance and meditation on the agony and suffering of Christ.

The name, "Good Friday," is likely an alteration of the Germanic word, "Goddess," meaning "God's" or "Holy." That term does not mean "good" but holy and sacred. A similar process happened with the English word "goodbye," which was formed over time as a contraction of "God be with ye."

It is a day that proclaims God's purpose of loving and redeeming the world through the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a day that is good because God was drawing the world to God's self in Christ. As seen in John's gospel, particularly, God was in control. God was not making the best of a bad situation, but was working out God's intention for the world — winning salvation for all people. We call it "good" because we look backward at the crucifixion through the lens of Easter!

Serving the Congregation Today

Greeter: Charles Byrn

Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, and Dave Barnes

Livestream: Travis Belman

Lay Leaders: Sally Hafner and Louise Davis

Stephen Ministry
Help. Hope. Healing.

"Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

If you are interested in Stephen Ministry, please call

Mary Ann Weir (803-316-3239) or
Pastor Reggie Rowell (843-697-6967)



Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

Atria: Roberta Yount, Mary Ott

Generations: Frances May

Johns Hopkins: Gabriel Koehler

Laurel Crest: Bill and Sylvia Hulbert

NHC: Connie Fowke

Providence: Fran Love

Rice Estates: Carmen Pool, Sandra Wayson, Jean Tolbert

Still Hopes: Sarah Parker, Adelyn Price, Lucinda Miller

TerraBella Windsor Lake: Mary Kirby

At home: Eugene and Joyce Appleman, Sara Derrick, Jo Dowdey, Ronald Jordan, Margaret Marshall, Priscilla McCullough, Julie Narang, Bethany Naser, Rosa Nichols, Janet Roberts, Sibyl Staples, Jean Tolbert, Tommy Turner, Beth Welch

Out-of-Town: Irene Boyd, Anita Dowdey, Morgan Varn, Sarah Walker, Tavish and Eric Watts and family

The families of: Barbara Harper, Todd Armstrong, Ken May, Sarah Burn Moore, Wynna McDaniel, Larry Cope, Betty Huneycutt, Claud Murphy, JoAnn Reiff, Helen Overstreet, Joyce Varn, Joey Turner, and Harry Parker

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14

We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers to use at any time.

The Shadow of Betrayal Matthew 26:20-25

Sung Response

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

The Shadow of Spiritual Agony Matthew 26:36-50

Sung Response

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

The Shadow of Denial Matthew 26:69-75

Sung Response

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

The Shadow of Accusation Matthew 27:11-14, 20-29

Sung Response

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

The Shadow of Humiliation Matthew 27:31-43

Sung Response

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom;
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.*

The Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45-54

***UMH #288** *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

The Shadow of Burial Matthew 27:57-60

Silent Meditation

UMH #298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (v. 4) Mason

*You are invited to remain seated during the closing hymn.
As the music is played, the pastors will strip the chancel area.*

Dismissal

Please depart in silence.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday—9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Phone number—803-787-3058

Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the **Bulletin** is 3:00 pm on the preceding Tuesday.

The deadline for the **Messenger** is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of month.

Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

Upcoming Events at Bethel

Friday, April 15 - Good Friday

12:00 Worship Service
(S / livestream on YouTube)

Saturday, April 16

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

11:00 Easter Eggstravaganza
(front lawn)

02:00 Memorial Service for Joanna
(Joey) Turner (Dunbar Funeral
Home, Devine Street Chapel)

Sunday, April 17 - Easter

10:00 Brunch / Decorate Living
Cross (front lawn)

11:00 Worship Service
(S/livestream)

Monday, April 18

Church Office Closed for Easter

Preschool - Week of the Young Child

Wednesday, April 20

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Thursday, April 21

11:00 BUMS planning meeting (NJ)

Friday, April 22

08:30 Preschool - Pastries with
Parents (courtyard)

11:00 Memorial Service for Joyce
Varn with reception
immediately following
(Dunbar Funeral Home,
Devine Street Chapel)

Saturday, April 23

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, April 24

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult
Sunday School (EB)

11:00 Worship Service
(S/livestream on YouTube)

Wednesday, April 27

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Saturday, April 30

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

06:30 Family Promise Gala (701
Whaley)

CR - Conference Room

EB - Education Building

NJ - New Journeys Room

PAB - Pool Activities Building

S - Sanctuary

Ways to Connect

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

Facebook: [bethelmethodistcolumbia](https://www.facebook.com/bethelmethodistcolumbia)

Youtube: [Bethel UMC Columbia](https://www.youtube.com/BethelUMCColumbia)

Instagram: [@wearebethelunited](https://www.instagram.com/wearebethelunited)

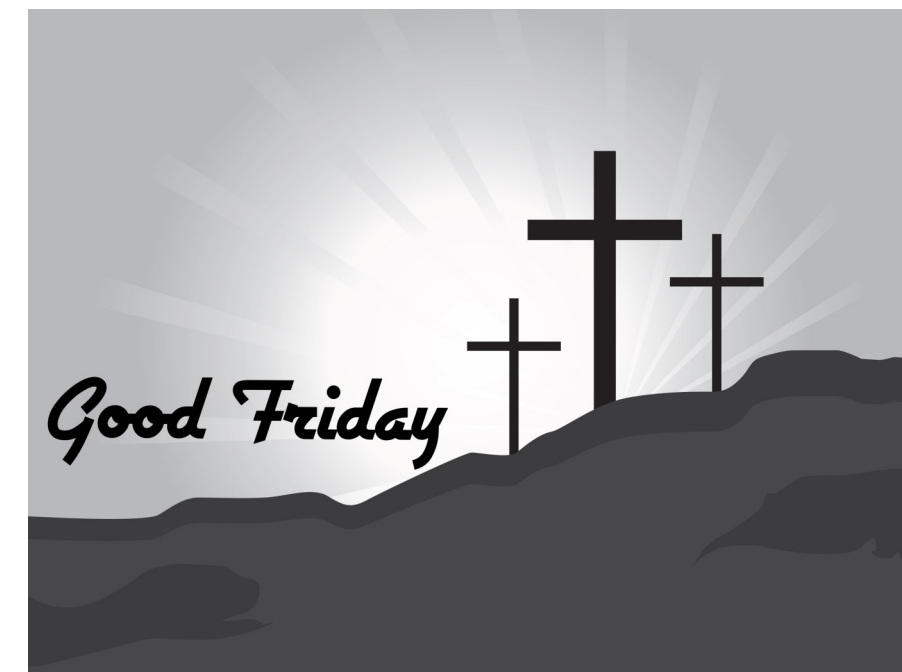
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



April 15, 2022
Good Friday
The Color is Purple.

Welcome!

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.
Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ
while you are among us and join us in sharing God's Good
News with the world. If you do not have
a church home, we invite you to become part
of the Bethel Church family.*