

## 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 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be* Neale/Dykes

From UMH #727, please follow along, as this hymn tune may be new to you.

We will plan to sing this hymn next Sunday.

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Jas. Montgomery

Opening Prayer

\*UMH # 610 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

\*Expression of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Children's Moment Janel Bell

As children return to their seats, please sing the chorus of *Jesus Loves Me*.

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

## 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 / Choir Director

## Thank You to the Bethel Congregation

Dan and Sarita Toma would like to thank the Bethel congregation for their kind calls and prayers during Dan's recent hospitalization. Dan is back home and improving daily.

## United Women of Faith Need Donations

The United Women of Faith (formerly known as the United Methodist Women) in conjunction with the Sylvia Hulsey Circle is preparing migrant worker bags. For this project, they need donations of the following:

Toothpaste	Disposable razors and blades
Comb	Bar soap
Toothbrush	Deodorant
Shampoo and conditioner	

Please put your donations in the wicker basket in the hallway next to the church office. The deadline for donations is May 20th. If you have any questions about this project, contact Bonnie Speas at (803) 727-8515 or [bspeas@umcsc.org](mailto:bspeas@umcsc.org).

## May Birthdays

01 Travis Belman	09 Bill Webb	27 Morgan Ward
02 Anne White	18 Tom Landrum	31 Cheryl Johnson
05 Frank Hafner	19 Sarah Parker	31 Marian Scullion
07 Linda Howell	25 Kimberly Wilson	
08 Adelyn Price	27 Kaye Landrum	

## May Anniversaries

01 Greg and Melanie Prewitt	19 Bill and Sharon Bonnaville
14 Michael and Kristen Burnett	21 Jean and Luby Pulley

## Serving the Congregation Today

**Acolyte:** Wyatt Wood

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

**Children's Moment:** Janel Bell

**Greeters:** Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn

**Livestream:** Travis Belman and Karen Furr

**Offering Counter:** Debbie Carter

## Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

(in alphabetical order)

**In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:**

Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)

Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)

Sara Derrick (Atria)

Connie Fowke (NHC)

Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)

Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)

Mac Marshall (NHC)

Frances May (Generations of Irmo)

Mary Ott (Pruitt Ridgeway)

Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)

Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)

Adelyn Price (Still Hopes)

Mike Ward (Florida)

Roberta Yount (Atria)

**At home:** Hannah Andrews (Janet Roberts' great-granddaughter), Eugene and Joyce Appleman, Ann Christopher (Julie Narang's mother), Jo Dowdey, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Sibyl Staples, Verlon Stone, Donna Swygert (Velma Neeley's daughter), Jean Tolbert, Dan Toma and Brenda Turner

**Out-of-Town:** Galen Bailey (Fred and Kate Brown's grandson), Irene Boyd, Josh Funderburk (Kathryn Emery's son), Wayne Hairfield (Debbie Carter's relative), Anne Hynds, Jake Lass (Debbie Carter's relative), Pat and Bethany Naser, Morgan Varn (Debbie Carter's relative), and Jackson Bell (Suzette Wilson's grandnephew at MUSC awaiting heart transplant.)

**The families of:** Russ Pruet, David Hinze, Lucinda Miller, Fran Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson, Margaret Alley McGregor, Sarah Walker and Ron Jordan

**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.*

Anthem *For His Own* Dale Peterson

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer  
**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.**

Why I Am United Methodist Travis Belman

Offertory *A Prayer of Grace* Johnson

\*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.*

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 3:15-18, 21-22  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *What It Means to be United Methodist:  
We are People of Grace* Rev. Julie Belman

### WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

\*UMH #365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin* Towner

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* Mason

#### 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

#### Sunday, April 23

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

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

06:00 Fellowship Dinner (PAB)

#### Tuesday, April 25

10:00 Rise & Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

#### Wednesday, April 26

Administrative Professionals Day

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

06:00 Finance Committee Meeting (PAB)

#### Thursday, April 27

10:00 Rise & Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

#### Saturday, April 29

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

#### Sunday, April 30

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

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

#### Tuesday, May 2

10:00 Rise & Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

#### Wednesday, May 3

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

#### Thursday, May 4

10:00 Rise & Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)

#### Friday, May 5

Preschool Mother's Tea for Four Year Old Class (PAB)

#### Saturday, May 6

08:30 UMM Breakfast / Clean Out Closet for Garage Sale (PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
NJ - New Journeys Room  
PAB - Pool Activities Building  
S - Sanctuary

### Ways to Connect

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



**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**The Color is White.**

***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.*