

## GATHERING

*(Use this time as silent and prayerful preparation for worship.)*

*\*Please stand if able. Congregational responses are in **BOLD** type.*

Prelude *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

Welcome

Greeting

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

**That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God,**

**your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

**Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*UMH #286 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* PASSION CHORALE

## PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION STORY

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalter Psalm 22 UMH #752

Musical Interlude *Christ Lay in Bonds of Death* Pachelbel

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 10:16-25

\*Gospel Lesson John 19:1-7,13-18, 28-30

Concerns and Prayers

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.**

## 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

## MEDITATION AT THE CROSS

UMH#294 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* MARTYRDOM

Silent Meditation

*During the Silent Meditation and the Reproaches, persons may come forward informally to kneel briefly before the cross.*

## THE REPROACHES:

### CHRIST'S LAMENT AGAINST HIS FAITHLESS CHURCH

1) O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?

I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

2) I led you through the desert forty years and fed you with manna; I brought you through times of persecution and of renewal and gave you my body, the bread of heaven; but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

3) I made you branches of my vineyard and gave you the water of salvation, but when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar and gall and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

4) I went before you in a pillar of cloud, but you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I brought you to a land of freedom and prosperity, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

5) I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have hanged me on the cross.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

6) My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a servant, but you draw the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

7) I accepted the cup of suffering and death for your sakes, but you scatter and deny and abandon me. I sent the Spirit of truth to lead you, but you close your hearts to my guidance.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

8) I called you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing. I prayed that you all may be one, but you continue to quarrel and divide.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

9) I grafted you into the tree of my chosen people Israel, but you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

10) I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters. I was hungry but you gave me no food, thirsty but you gave me no drink. I was a stranger but you did not welcome me, naked but you did not clothe me, sick and in prison but you did not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal One, have mercy upon us.**

*A brief silence follows.*

\*UMH #301 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Crosby/Doane

\*Dismissal with Blessing

Going Forth *All depart in silence*

## Serving the Congregation Today

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

**Greeters:** Tom Elliott and Fred Brown

**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)

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, Jean Tolbert, and Brenda Turner

**Out-of-Town:** 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)

**The families of:** Joey Turner, Harry Parker, Russ Pruett, 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.*

## 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 7

12:00 Good Friday Service (S)

04:00 UMM Boston Butts  
Fundraiser-Pick Up Orders (BPL)

### Saturday, April 8

08:30 United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast (PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

### Sunday, April 9 - Easter

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

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

### Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14

Preschool and Church Office Closed This  
Week for Spring Break

### Tuesday, April 11

10:00 Rise and Shine w/Lisa Smarr (PAB)

06:30 Sylvia Hulsey Circle Meeting (PAB)

### Thursday, April 13

10:00 Rise and Shine w/Lisa Smarr (PAB)

### Saturday, April 15

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)



Fellowship Dinner  
Sunday, April 23rd, 6 pm

CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
NJ - New Journeys Room  
PAB - Pool Activities Building  
S - Sanctuary  
BPL - Back Parking Lot

## Ways to Connect

Website: [www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](http://www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com)

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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 7, 2023  
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.*