

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 *Wondrous Love* Wm. Doane

WE PRAISE GOD

Opening Prayer

*UMH #285 *To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord* KINGSFOLD

*Confession and Pardon
Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ.

Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us,
was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us,
and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Anthem *Jesus Took the Cup* Hopson

Prayer of Preparation

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.**

Offertory *Let God Be Your Guide* arr. Lowe

*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 / Choir Director

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 13:1-17; 31b-35
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Holy Thursday Homily
For Everyone Born, A Place At The Table Rev. Julie Belman

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Come to this table of grace. There is a place set for you and there is a place set for me.
And a place set for Jesus, who is the host of this meal.

If you doubt that this invitation is for you, consider who gathered around the table on that fateful night.

Judas, the betrayer, was there.

Yes, and even after it was revealed that he would betray Jesus, they broke bread together.

Peter, the one who would deny him, was there.

Yes, and even after Jesus told Peter that he would deny him, they broke bread together.

And Thomas, the doubter, was there.

Which reminds us that we are invited to bring even our doubts to Jesus. So is there a place set for you?

Surely there is.

There is. The welcome is as wide as the outstretched arms of God.

We will come to the table of grace.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Christ has prepared a feast of love.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & CONSECRATION

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, Jesus also took the cup after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the out-pouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

The Breaking of the Bread, Offering of the Cup and Sharing in the Feast
At this time, you are invited to come up to the altar to receive the elements.
If you would prefer pre-packaged communion elements, please let one of the servers know. After receiving, please use the outer aisles to return to your pew.

The Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #297 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

*Benediction

We believe the time is now

with the taste of bread fresh on our lips
to go into the world and face the darkness

We believe the moment is right

with the bitterness of the wine sharp in our mouths
to face the powers of the world with the love of heaven

We believe the place is here

with the sound of covenant echoing in our ears
to endure the suffering love calls us to

We believe the path is before us

with the crumbs of heaven still scattered across the table
to side with truth in a deafened world

We believe the hour is come

with the table conversation a turmoil in our minds
to conspire with Christ and move against injustice

We believe the gospel is this

with bread lying broken and a goblet left empty
love is betrayed but death shall not have the final word! AMEN.

*Postlude *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* Ithamar Conkey

Serving the Congregation Today

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

Communion Server: Rev. Reggie Rowell

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), Joshua Furr (Karen Furr's son, deployed to Syria)

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

Thursday, April 6

06:00 Maundy Thursday Service (S)

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

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

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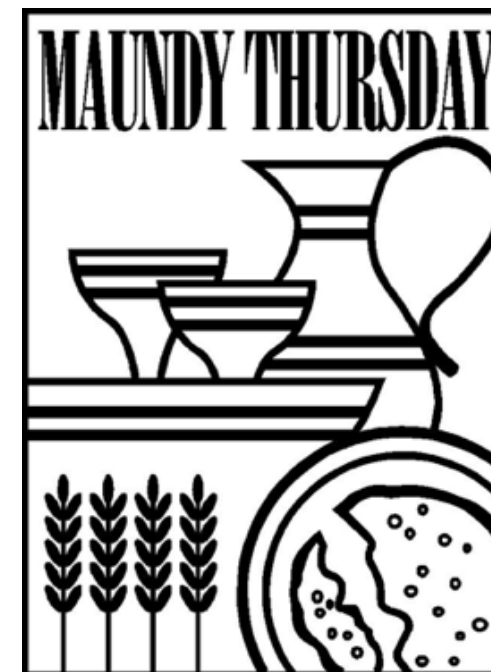
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Thursday, April 6, 2023
Maundy Thursday
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.*