

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 *Trumpet Fanfare* Paul Fey

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* Philip Bliss

Opening Prayer

*UMH # 727 *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be* Dykes

*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.

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

United Women of Faith Need Donations

The United Women of Faith (formerly known as the United Methodist Women) in conjunction with the Sylvia Hulseley 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.

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statements from the table in the narthex. These statements show your giving through March 31, 2023.

Conversation About Future of United Methodist Church

On Sunday, March 28th, our District Superintendent Rev. Fran Elrod came to Bethel and led a discussion about the future of the United Methodist Church. DVDs of the discussion are available in the church office next week. Please let Sheryl know if you would like to borrow one.

Rise and Shine

Lisa Smarr is leading a gentle stretching class at Bethel. The classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Pool Activities Building. Anyone 21 years old or older is welcome to attend. Attendees should wear some type of athletic shoes, such as sneakers or tennis shoes. The classes are free.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte: Micaela McDonald
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, and Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Louise Davis
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr
Offering Counter: Dianna Elliott

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.

Children's Moment Louise Davis

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.

Anthem *What a Friend!* Price/Besig

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 Debbie Carter

Offertory *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller/Jackson

*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 3:7-14
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 Doctrine & Discipline
Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH # 97 *For the Fruits of This Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

*Postlude *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* THE ASH GROVE

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 30

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)
11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)
03:00-06:00 Drop Off Donations for Garage Sale (PAB)

Tuesday, May 2

10:00 Rise & Shine with Lisa Smarr (PAB)
07:00 FANA Meeting / Candidate Forum for Upcoming Forest Acres City Elections (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

08:00-Noon Drop Off Donations for Bethel Garage Sale (PAB)
08:30 UMM Breakfast / Clean Out Closet for Garage Sale (PAB)
10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, May 7

09:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)
11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, May 8

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

Tuesday, May 9

06:30 Sylvia Hulsey Circle Meeting (NJ)

Wednesday, May 10

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

Thursday, May 11

05:00 Bethel Garage Sale Preview for Church Members, Friends and Family (PAB)

Friday, May 12

08:00 Bethel Garage Sale (PAB)

Saturday, May 13

08:00 Bethel Garage Sale (PAB)

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)

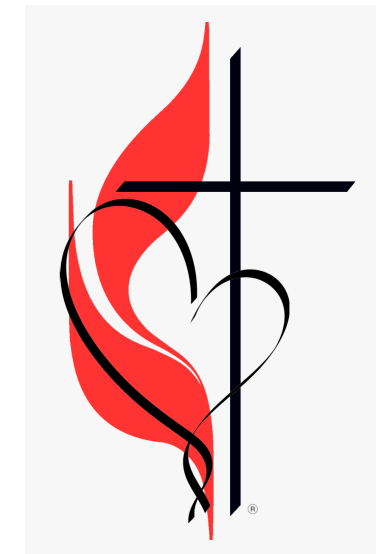
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, April 30, 2023
4th 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.