

## 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 *Ein feste Burg* Johannes Pachelbel

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Live in Charity* UBI CARITAS (Taizé)

Opening Prayer

\*UMH # 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. Wm. Farley

\*Confession and Pardon (see insert)

Children's Moment Debbie Carter  
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

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 Frank Hafner

Offertory *Six Pieces for Piano* Ottorino Respighi

## 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

## Congratulations, Bethel Graduates!

On May 5th, Wilhelm Elliott received a B.S. degree from the Darla Moore Business School at the University of South Carolina with a double major in economics and finance and a minor in sport management. He will be working in logistics for a company in Charlotte, N. C.

Also on May 5th, Christopher Walker graduated from Coastal Carolina University *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science in marine science with a minor in biology. He will be completing a summer internship with DHEC and plans on remaining on the SC coast.

On May 6th, Dylan Garnto graduated from USC with a biomedical engineering degree.

We're so proud of our graduates and wish them the very best in their next adventures.

## Thank You from Arnette and Jeffrey Jordan

Jeffrey and I would like to thank our Bethel family for your acts of kindness, love and prayer's during Ronald's illness and his death. Bethel was a very important part of our lives. Continue to keep us in your prayers.  
Arnette Jordan

## Thanks to our Guest Organist

Many thanks to our guest organist, Nathan Vondergeest, who is filling in while Bill Webb is on vacation.

## Volunteers Needed for Bethel's Garage Sale

If you're interested in volunteering to help with Bethel's garage sale, please contact Karen Furr at (803) 240-4642 or [furrsmoak@gmail.com](mailto:furrsmoak@gmail.com) or see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## Volunteers Needed for Todd Lutz Scholarship Fundraiser

During the garage sale on May 12th and 13th, we will sell hot dogs and baked goods to support the Todd Lutz Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in assisting or giving donations, please contact Louise Davis at (803) 834-2563 or via email [louisej.smith@yahoo.com](mailto:louisej.smith@yahoo.com).

## Serving the Congregation Today

**Acolytes:** Skylar and Christian Davis

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

**Children's Moment:** Debbie Carter

**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)

**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.), and Roberta Yount .

**The families of:** 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.*

\*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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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 Diversity and Charity*

Rev. Julie Belman

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving*

(see insert)

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 # 549

*Where Charity and Love Prevail*

ST. PETER

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Voluntary in A Minor*

John Stanley

### 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, 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

08:00 - 01:00 Drop Off Donations for  
Garage Sale (PAB)

06:30 Sylvia Hulseley Circle Meeting  
(NJ)

### Wednesday, May 10

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

06:00 Lay Leadership Meeting (CR)

### 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)

02:00 Private Piano Recital (S)

\*No Rise and Shine classes this  
week.

\*\*No choir rehearsal this week.

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

## Ways to Connect

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

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

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



**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**5th 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.*