

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 *Stand Up, and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Holy, Holy, Holy!* NICAEA

Opening Prayer

*UMH #154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Verses 1, 2, 4, 6 CORONATION

*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 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 **June 11th**. If you have any questions about this project, contact Bonnie Speas at (803) 727-8515 or bspeas@umcsc.org.

Memorial Garden

I had the honor of placing a medallion on the headstone of Robert L. Alley, Sr. Bob served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was an Aerial Engineer trained as an airplane mechanic. His awards include: Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, American Theater Service Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Service Ribbon, and Distinguished Flying Cross with 2 Oak Leafs.

I believe Bob was the first interment in our Memorial Garden which was built in 2000.

Bob Alley served Bethel in many ways, including Head Usher for several years. One thing he enjoyed was dressing up in a tuxedo and serving the ladies at their annual Tea Meeting.
Dave Barnes

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: Wyatt Wood

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 Counters: Dianna Elliott and Janis Lawther

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)

At home: Hannah Andrews (Janet Roberts' great-granddaughter), Eugene

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,

Brenda Turner and Mike Ward

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), 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, Ron Jordan and Joyce

Appleman

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 *Immortal, Invisible* ST. DENIO

Prayers of the People Rev. Reggie Rowell

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 Hannah Curran

Offertory *Here Am I* Damon

*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 Isaiah 6:1-8
 The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *What It Means to be United Methodist:
 We are People Who are Truly Alive*
 Rev. Julie Belman

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

*UMH #593 *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte

*Benediction

*Postlude *March* C.W. Gluck

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 21

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

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 27

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Sunday, May 28

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

11:00 Traditional Worship Service
 with Celebration of Bethel
 College Graduates, and
 Presentation of Colors
 (S / livestream on YouTube)

Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed for Memorial
 Day

Tuesday, May 30

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

Thursday, June 1

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

10:30 United Women in Faith
 Meeting (CR)

Saturday, June 3

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

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)

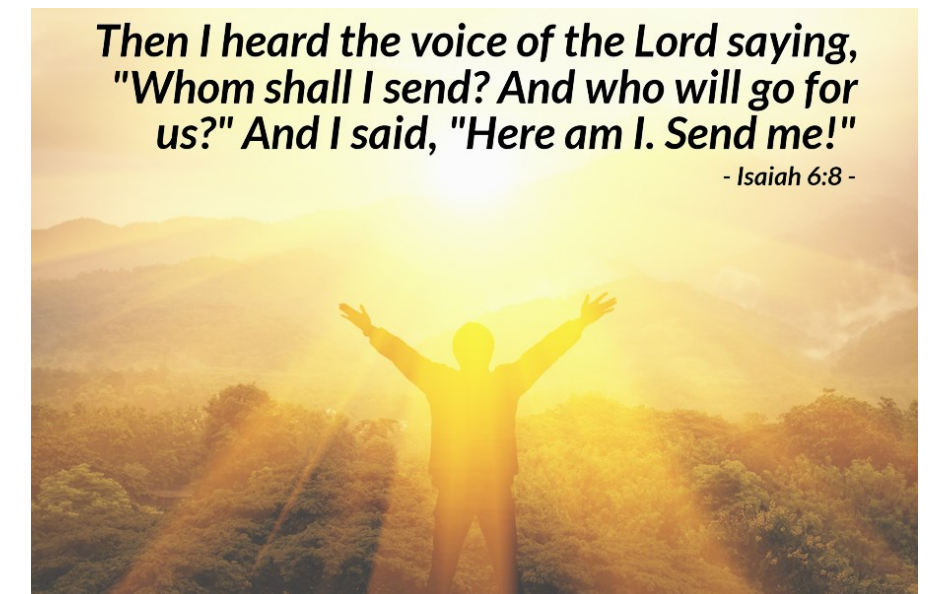
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING
 ...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, May 21, 2023
7th 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.*