

## 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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing* Johnson

**\*Presentation of the Colors**

**\*American Flag Pledge**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### *America*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountainside let freedom ring.

**\*Christian Flag Pledge:**

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

### *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

## WE PRAISE GOD

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #698 *God of the Ages* Roberts / Warren

The Pastoral Prayer

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.**

Anthem *Whispering Hope* Hawthorne

## 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

## Posting of the Colors

In honor of Faith and Freedom the Posting of the Colors is being done by Doug Ingbreton, Navy veteran and Charles Byrn, Army veteran.

## Lemonade Stand

Recently one of the neighborhood children, Elena Jones, had a lemonade stand, with permission, in the church's front parking lot. She was so kind to send the church a thank you note for allowing her to use our parking lot and she even donated a portion of the proceeds to Bethel. Thanks, Elena!

## Rise and Shine

The exercise class that meets in the PAB on Tuesday and Thursday mornings recently took up a collection. As a thank you for allowing them to use the PAB, they donated \$99 to Bethel. Thank you, Rise and Shine Class!

## Altar Flowers

If you're interested in providing altar flowers for a Sunday worship service, please let Sheryl in the church office know. Her telephone number and email address are (803) 787-3058 and office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com respectively.

## Serving the Congregation Today

**Acolytes:**

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

**Children's Moment:** Denice Rowell

**Greeters:** Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn

**Livestream:** Travis Belman and Karen Furr

**Offering Counters:** Kimberly Wilson and 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)

**At home:** Eugene Appleman, Ann Christopher (Julie Narang's mother), Jo

Dowdey, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols,

Brenda Shealy, 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:** Fran Love, Ronald Gordon, Sandra Wayson, Margaret Alley

McGregor, Sarah Walker, Ron Jordan, Joyce Appleman and Sibyl Staples

**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.*

Offertory *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* arr. Mercer

\*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

The First Reading: *We Gather Together* Sally Hafner  
UMH # 696 *America the Beautiful* Bates / Ward

The Second Reading: *The Bonding of a Nation* Ken Burger  
Hymn: *God Bless America* Berlin

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
God bless America, my home sweet home

The Third Reading: *America - A Promised Land* Sally Hafner  
UMH # 140 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Chisholm / Runyan

The Fourth Reading: *Salute to Our Heroes* Ken Burger  
UMH # 717 *Battle Hymn of the Republic (v. 1, 2, 4)* Howe

The Fifth Reading: *Our Father's World* Sally Hafner  
UMH #144 *This Is My Father's World (v. 1, 3)* Babcock/Sheppard

The Closing Prayer Ken Burger  
Lord, today as we reflect on the blessings of our liberty, we pause to ask  
Your help that we may be faithful stewards of the freedoms we have been  
granted. We remember Your words from scripture, that to whom much is  
given, shall much be required. May we remain one people, under God,  
dedicated to the dream of freedom that you have placed in the human heart.  
Amen

\*UMH #431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Miller / Jackson

### WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

\*The Responsive Sending Forth

Go forth as an instrument of God's peace. Where there is bitterness,  
**Let us bring love.**  
Where there is darkness,  
**Let us bring light.**  
Where there is sadness,  
**Let us bring joy. AMEN!**

\*Postlude *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

### 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, July 2

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

### Thursday, July 6

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

11:00 Faith and Freedom Worship  
(S / livestream on YouTube)

### Saturday, July 8

08:30 UMM Breakfast (PAB)

### Monday, July 3

Preschool Closed This Week

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

Church Office Closed

### Sunday, July 9

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

07:00 Boy Scouts Board of Review  
(PAB)

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

### Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

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)

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

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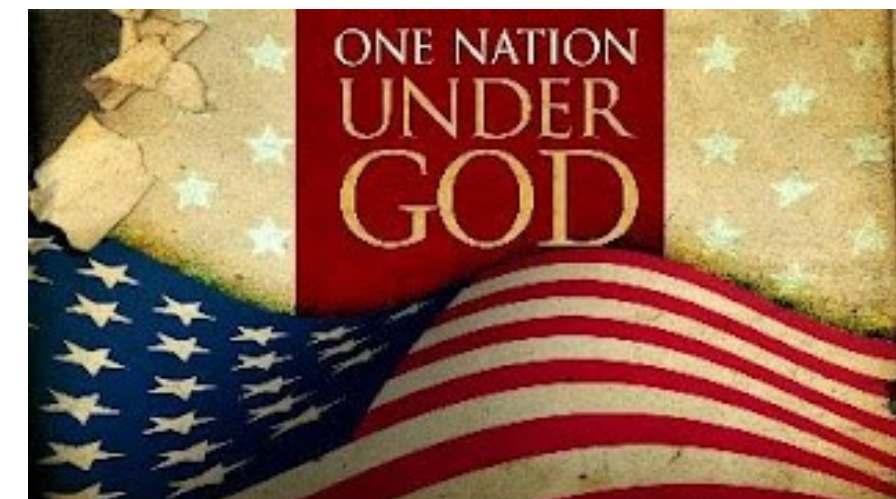
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KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING  
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



Sunday, July 2, 2023  
2nd Annual Faith and Freedom Service  
The Color is Red.

*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.*