

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 *To God Be the Glory* arr. D. Hustad

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty

Opening Prayer

*UMH #600 *Wonderful Words of Life* Philip Bliss

*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 *O Lord, Have Mercy* Patrick Liebergen

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.**

Offertory *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing* O FILII ET FILIAE

*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 Minister and Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian
Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister
Carol Burger, Preschool Director
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

Time and Talents Survey

If you haven't already returned your response to the Bethel's Time and Talents Survey, please do so as soon as you can. The Lay Leadership Committee is meeting every Sunday afternoon in August. They need the responses to build up the ministry of the church.

New Bible Study Coming in September

In September, Debbie Carter will begin leading a new bible study, Experiencing God - Knowing & Doing the Will of God. It will be held on Sundays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Pool Activities Building. See the August newsletter for more details.

United Methodist Men's Fundraiser

The next UMM Fundraiser will begin September 9th. Tickets for Boston Butts will be \$40 each and you may donate meat to Epworth Children's Home, if you want. The pick up date is Friday, October, 27th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. In the back parking lot of the church.

Giving Statements

Today is the last day the giving statements will be on a table in the narthex. Please pick up yours today.

Finding Jesus on Your Vacation

If you worship elsewhere on vacation, please bring back a bulletin or newsletter to share with Pastor Julie. We love discovering new ideas and hearing about what other communities of faith are doing.

Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte: Sterling Davis
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart and Dave Barnes
Children's Moment: Debbie Carter
Communion Steward: Debbie Carter
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr
Offering Counter: Charles Byrn

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)
Brenda Shealy (ProMedica formerly Heartland)
At home: Eugene Appleman, Jo Dowdey, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Verlon Stone, Donna Swygert (Velma Neeley's daughter) and Dan Toma
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: 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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Micah 7:18-19 and Colossians 3:1-2, 7-15
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Apostles Creed: The Forgiveness of Sins*
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 #622 *There Is Fountain Filled with Blood*
CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

*Benediction

*Postlude *Just As I Am* WOODWORTH

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, August 6

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

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

02:00 Lay Leadership Team
Meeting (CR)

Monday, August 7

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)

Tuesday, August 8

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

Thursday, August 10

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

Saturday, August 12

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



Sunday, August 6, 2023
10th Sunday After Pentecost
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.*