

## 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 *Christian People, Raise Your Song* C.P. Thompson

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Maker, in Whom We Live* DIADEMATA  
Text by Charles Wesley (UMH #88)

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #155 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* DIADEM

\*Confession and Pardon (see insert)

Children's Moment Rev. Julie Belman

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 *We Gather at Your Table, Lord* Walter Ehret  
(See text in middle of the bulletin.)

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 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* H. Friedell

## 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

## We Gather at Your Table, Lord

Walter Ehret

We gather at your table, Lord,  
Grant peace and unity;  
In keeping with your will and word,  
May we one body be.

Now let us take the sacred bread,  
Our souls and bodies feed;  
In heart and soul we shall be fed,  
Your holy will to heed.

Now let us take the wine of heav'n,  
For Christ, whose blood was shed;  
That here we meet with sins forgiv'n,  
And by his grace are led.

To you, O Lord, we sing our song,  
May we be one in love  
For we by faith to you belong,  
One! with your church above!

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## United States Flag

Thank you to Vicki Krueger for donating an American flag for the pole near the cemetery. It will be stored in the office until needed.

Remember to bring your old flags to me when you take them out of service so they can be retired properly.

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## Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte: Zander Narang  
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes  
Children's Moment: Rev. Julie Belman  
Greeters: Tom Elliott and Charles Byrn  
Livestream: Travis Belman and Karen Furr  
Offering Counters: Frank Hafner and Bill Lucas

## 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)  
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, Jo Dowdey, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, 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:** Sandra Wayson, Margaret Alley McGregor, Sarah Walker, Ron Jordan, Joyce Appleman, Sibyl Staples and Mac Marshall

**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 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

Luke 10:1-25-37  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

*Who is My Neighbor?* 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 #133

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* A.J. Showalter

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* V.E. Copes

#### 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, September 3

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

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

#### Monday, September 4

The Preschool and Church Office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday.

#### Tuesday, September 5

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

#### Wednesday, September 6

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

#### Thursday, September 7

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

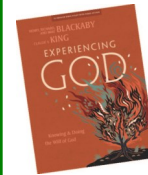
10:30 United Women of Faith f/k/a  
United Methodist Women  
Executive Meeting (CR)

#### Saturday, September 9

08:30 United Methodist Men's  
Breakfast with Guest  
Speaker Bill Webb (PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

#### New Bible Study!



*Experiencing God  
Knowing & Doing the  
Will of God*

Begins on Sunday, Sept. 10th at  
2 p.m. in the PAB

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



**Sunday, September 3, 2023**  
**14th Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Color is Green.**

### ***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.*