

## 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 *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* Lafferty

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Help Us, O Lord* Eugene Butler

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #540 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* ST. THOMAS

\*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

## Time and Talents Survey

Bethel's Spiritual Gifts Assessment and the Time and Talents Survey have been sent out to the congregation. Please review them carefully and return your response in a timely fashion. In August, Lay Leadership will use the responses to build up the ministry of the church.

## Happy August Birthdays!

06 Clayton Cotner	22 McKenzie Furr
08 Becky Lucas	24 Tom Elliott
17 Sarah Weir	24 Karen Stewart
17 Margot McDonald	26 Bill Lucas
17 Cathy Crumpler	30 Hayden Gamarra
19 Velma Neeley	30 Bruce Cotner
20 Iva Dell Griffin	31 John Scullion
22 Charmelle Staples	

## Happy August Anniversaries!

13 Tom and Paulette Price	20 Frank and Sally Hafner
15 John and Marian Scullion	

## New Bible Study

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 next 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.

## Serving the Congregation Today

**Acolyte:** Zander Narang  
**Altar Stewards:** Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart and Dave Barnes  
**Children's Moment:** Pastor Julie Belman  
**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)  
Brenda Shealy (ProMedica formerly Heartland)  
**At home:** Eugene Appleman, Ann Christopher (Julie Narang's mother), Jo Dowdey, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, 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:** 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.*

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 *Lord, Here Am I* Andrea Klouse

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 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL'S 148<sup>th</sup>

\*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 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!

Sermon *The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like ... What? ... Wait! Say that again!*  
Rev. Reggie Rowell

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

\*TFWS #2241 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* LAND OF REST

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser

#### 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 30

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

#### Thursday, August 3

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

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

#### Saturday, August 5

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

#### Tuesday, August 1

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



### Ways to Connect

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

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



**Sunday, July 30, 2023**  
**9th 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.*