

## 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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *Walk with Me* John S. Rice

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #263 *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee* P.D. Smith

\*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 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

## Worship Tapestry

Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me Your servant today.

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,  
I surrender all.

I surrender all.

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## Lawn Equipment Update from Trustees

The lawn mower and the leaf blower are both in the shop for repairs. Please be patient as the lawns will be tended as soon as the equipment is repaired.

## Save the Date

A Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at 6 p.m. in the Pool Activities Building. Rev. Walter Strawther and Rev. Chris Lynch will be our guest speakers.

## Serving the Congregation Today

Acolytes: Skylar and Christian Davis  
Altar Stewards: Kimberly Wilson, Karen Stewart, Dave Barnes  
Children's Moment: Louise Davis  
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, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

**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.*

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 *Worship Tapestry* arr. Benjamin Harlan  
(See text in the 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Paul Fey

\*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 10:38-42  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *The Nearest Neighbors* Rev. Julie Belman

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

\*UMH #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Scriven/Converse

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *The Voice of Jesus Calling* Wm. Lloyd

#### 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 10

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

11:00 Traditional Worship Service  
with Epworth Work Day  
Offering  
(S / livestream on YouTube)

02:00 Bible Study - *Experiencing  
God* (PAB)

#### Tuesday, September 12

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

06:00 Sylvia Hulseley Circle Meeting  
(PAB)

#### Wednesday, September 13

09:30 Preschool Chapel (S)

#### Thursday, September 14

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

#### Friday, September 15

11:00 Celebration of Life for James  
(Mac) Marshall (S) with  
Reception following (PAB)

#### Saturday, September 16

07:30 Cosmetology Class (PAB)

10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
NJ - New Journeys Room  
PAB - Pool Activities Building  
S - Sanctuary

### Ways to Connect

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



**Sunday, September 19, 2023**  
**15th 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.*