

## 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 *Trumpet Procession* Donald Hustad

## WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship *O Worship the King* LYONS

Opening Prayer

\*UMH #162 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* Donald Fishell

Baptism of Beatrice Beck Stout - UMH page 33

TFWS #2249 *God Claims You* Farr

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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Robert J. Hughes

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.**

Mission Moment Bill Webb

Offertory *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry

## Bethel Minister and Church Staff

Rev. Julie Belman, Senior Minister

J.B. Barnett, Custodian  
Carol Burger, Preschool Director  
Sheryl L. Jones, Administrative Assistant  
Jacquetta Thomas, Custodian  
Bill Webb, Organist / Choir Director

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Beatrice Beck Stout's baptism!  
We love you Beatrice from your family.

## Lenten Calendar Challenge

Due to the wonderful response to the Lenten Calendar Challenge, we are sending a check in the amount of \$418.34 to Rehoboth UMC for their food pantry. That was a lot of coins! A huge thanks to Sue Grant and Lucy Gordon for counting the coins and putting them in wrappers.

## No UMM Meetings this Summer

The United Methodist Men will not meet in June, July or August. They will resume their regular meetings on Saturday, September 14th at 8:30 a.m. in the New Journeys classroom.

## Giving Statements

The 1st quarter giving statements are on the table in the narthex. Please pick up yours today.

## Upcoming Concert at Bethel

Paul Fey of Leipzig, Germany, will present an organ concert at Bethel on Thursday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. Please invite your family and friends! This concert is made possible through the Designated Choir Memorials Fund.

## Bethel Yard Sale

Please start gathering the items that you want to donate for this worthy event. You can drop off your items at the PAB on the dates below or leave your items in the Joy Sunday school class to be picked up.

April 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

A sign-up sheet has been placed in the Narthex for Yard Sale Volunteers! We cannot pull this off without your assistance. Please consider leading your time and talents to this wonderful event in support of our church mission.

## Serving the Congregation Today

Acolyte(s): Skylar 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: Charles Byrn and Bill Lucas

## Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family (in alphabetical order)

### In Hospitals, Assisted Living, Rehab:

Dave Barnes (VA Hospital)  
Carolyn Bowers (Watercrest Columbia)  
Nancy Burkhalter (Atria)  
Sara Derrick (Atria)  
Bill and Sylvia Hulbert (Laurel Crest)  
Mary Kirby (TerraBella Windsor Lake)  
Frances May (Generations of Irmo)  
Sarah Parker (Still Hopes)  
Carmen Pool (Rice Estates)  
Donna Swygert, Velma Neeley's daughter (Lakeside Place Senior Living)

**At home:** Eugene Appleman, Jo Dowdey, Tom Elliott, Chris Huggins (friend of Carolyn Armstrong), Verta Ingbretsen, Margie Jackson, Bonnie Lutz, Margaret Marshall, Rosa Nichols, Brenda Shealy, Verlon (Stoney) Stone and Dan Toma

**Out-of-Town:** Irene Boyd, Iva Dell Griffin, 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), Roberta Yount, and Morrie and Bessie Cruse (grandparents of preschool student)

**The families of:** Joyce Appleman, Sibyl Staples, Mac Marshall, Mary Ott, Jean Tolbert, Adelyn Price and Connie Fowke

### Attendance and Offering

April 7, 2024

Church School - 37

Worship in-person 48; online 42

Offering \$2,933.00

### 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 John 20: 24-30  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon *Blessed Are The Doubters* Rev. Julie Belman

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

\*UMH #593 *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel L. Schutte

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *I Will Go, Lord* D.L. Schutte

**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Phone: 803-787-3058  
Email: office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com

**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, April 14**

9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service (S / livestream)  
2:00 Girl Scouts Meeting (EB)

**Monday, April 15**

10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)  
4:00 Bible Study of Gospels (CR)

**Tuesday, April 16**

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

**Wednesday, April 17**

9:30 Preschool Chapel (S)  
5:30 Weight Watchers Meeting (PAB)

**Thursday, April 18**

10:00 Rise and Shine w/Lisa (PAB)  
5:30- Drop off Donations Garage Sale (PAB)  
7:30 (PAB)

**Saturday, April 20**

8:30 Weight Watchers Meeting (PAB)  
10:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Sunday, April 21**

9:45 Children, Youth, and Adult Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service with Rev. Adrienne Fink (S / livestream)

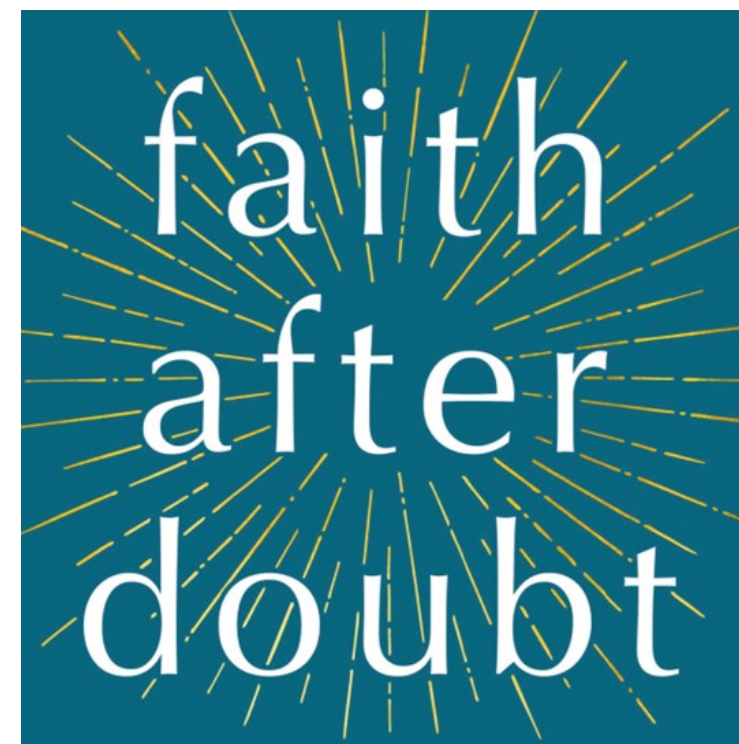
CR - Conference Room  
EB - Education Building  
PAB - Pool Activities Building  
S - Sanctuary  
NJ - New Journeys Room

**Ways to Connect**

Website: www.bethelmethodistcolumbia.com  
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**KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING**  
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**The Color is White.**

***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.*