



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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May 7, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**5th Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday**

WELCOME, EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us today!

*CELL PHONES: Please remember to silence your phones before the service.
HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher if you need a hearing device.*

**Please stand as you are able.*

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

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| Acolyte(s): | Justus Minor (11:00) |
| Media: | Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk |
| Altar Guild this month: | Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks |
| Liturgist: | Pauline Reimond (11:00) |
| Trustee Contact this week: | Milton Hudgins |
| Ushers: | Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00) |
| Greeters: | Rick and Gerri Wilson, David Ayers (11:00) |

| STEWARDSHIP | Last Sunday |
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| General Fund | 5739.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | 5.00 |
| Choir/Music | 50.00 |
| GNMCS | 50.00 |
| Media Fund | 1267.39 |
| Homebound Ministries | 100.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | |
| In-person Worship (8:30-23; 11:00-68) | 91 |
| Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)* | 60 |
| Total in Worship | 151 |

| COUNTING TEAMS | |
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| 5/7 | Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard |
| 5/14 | Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty |
| 5/21 | Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Sandra Harvey |
| 5/28 | Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen |

*YouTube information is from two weeks prior to today's service.

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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| Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor | call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org | Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025 |
| Dee Dee Wike, Church Office Administrator | office 804.642.2110, cell: 901.831.8534 email: admin@bethanyumc-gp.org | Tues. thru Fri., 8am-4pm (Closed 12-1pm for lunch) |
| Sandra Fox, Director of Music | call/text 757.329.6128 email: rfox6@cox.net | Works from home, by appt. |
| Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist | home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211 | By appt. |
| Carter Roane, Director of Children & Youth Ministries | office 804.642.2110, cell: 804.815.5722 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org | Tue./Wed./Thur. 10am-2pm |

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

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| Intrada | <i>Symphony for the Bells, from "Saul"</i> | George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) |
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| Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction | Pastor Paul Song |
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| *Call to Worship | Pauline Reimold |
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Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

Congregation: Praise the Lord!

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| *Hymn | <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> | UMH No. 618 |
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| *Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version) | UMH No. 881 |
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| Opening Prayer | Pauline Reimold |
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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| Anthem | <i>The Old Rugged Cross</i> | George Bennard arr. Vicki Wright transcribed by Craig Courtney |
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| Children's Time | Carter Roane |
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| Prayer of Illumination | Pauline Reimold |
| Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen. | |

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| *Gospel Reading | Luke 24:30-35 | Pauline Reimold |
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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Eyes Are Opened" Pastor Paul Song

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer." Pastor Paul Song

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor Paul Song

Confession and Pardon (on screen)

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Music *Waltz of the Flowers*, from "The Nutcracker" Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (7 May 1840-1893)

"And 'tis my faith, that every flower enjoys the air it breathes."
— William Wordsworth, *Lines Written in Early Spring*

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

**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.**

The Great Thanksgiving (on the screen)

The Lord's Prayer UMH No. 895

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup (Bread and cup will be served at the communion rail.)

Music during Communion Hymn: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" UMH No. 612

Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" Johannes Brahms (7 May 1833-1897)

Hymn: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH No. 216

Prelude on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Johannes Brahms

The Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion (on screen)

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.

***Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH No. 454

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

Exodus *Sent Forth by God's Blessing (Ash Grove)* UMH No. 664

