



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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June 4, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday
 Celebration of Holy Communion**

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

Acolyte(s): Regina Berry (11:00)
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
 Altar Guild this month: Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
 Liturgist: Clair Hillard (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: M. E. Thomas
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
 Greeters: Jim and Betty Durette, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	Last Sunday
General Fund	3682.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	105.00
ATTENDANCE	
In-person Worship (8:30-21; 11:00-62)	83
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube/Drive-In)*	101
Total in Worship	184

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

COUNTING TEAMS	
6/4	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
6/11	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
6/18	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
6/25	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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

Intrada *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* UMH No. 626

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

Leader: We come today to worship the Triune God, even as we, like the Eleven on the mountainside, have our doubts.

Congregation: Holy Trinity, meet us in our questions and help us embrace your mystery.

Leader: We come to encounter the God who is both immense and particular, greater than words can describe, and yet intimately present with us.

Congregation: Holy Trinity, surround us with your love that brings order to chaos and community to individualism.

Leader: We come to give thanks to the God who created and sustains us, and who calls us to steward the earth and all that live in it.

Congregation: Holy Trinity, empower us to enter into partnership with you for the flourishing of all creation with gratitude and joy.

Leader: We come to receive Christ's commission to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach the gospel wherever we go.

Congregation: God, immerse us in the life of the Holy Trinity that we might go and welcome others into the dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn** *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* UMH No. 150

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)* UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer Clair Hillard

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.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. In Jesus' name. we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Come Flood This Heart of Mine* Herb Frombach | David Lantz III
Transcribed by Craig Courtney

Children's Time Carter Roane

Prayer of Illumination Clair Hillard
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.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-2, 26-28 Clair Hillard
***Gospel Reading** Matthew 28:16-20
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Mystery of Being" 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 *June: Barcarolle, from "The Seasons"* Peter Tchaikovsky
(1840-1893)

"A noise like of a hidden brook in the leafy month of June,
That to the sleeping woods all night singeth a quiet tune."
—Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *The Ancient Mariner*

***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: "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" UMH No. 532
Prelude on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Two Variations on "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" Gordon Binkerd (22 May 1916-2003)

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** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* TFWS No. 2241

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Exodus *Now the Silence* UMH No. 619
"Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing"