



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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September 3, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
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

Acolyte(s):	Aidan Dumbrocyo (11:00)
Media:	Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk
Altar Guild this month:	Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
Liturgist:	Ann Byrd (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Lane
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Jim and Betty Durette, Dave Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada *Come, Labor On (Ora Labora)* Thomas Tertius Noble
(1867-1953)

“Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say: ‘Go work today.’”

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Ann Byrd

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

***Hymn** *There’s Within My Heart a Melody* UMH No. 380

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

Opening Prayer Ann Byrd

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.

Anthem *You Raise Me Up* Rolf Løvland
Carter Roane Brendan Graham

Prayer of Illumination Ann Byrd

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.

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 9:12-15 Ann Byrd

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

STEWARDSHIP	8/27
General Fund	5360.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	5.00
Altar Flowers	150.00
UMCOR / Maui	200.00
ATTENDANCE	8/27
In-person Worship (8:30-38; 11:00-66)	104
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today’s service)</i>	87
Total in Worship	191

COUNTING TEAMS	
9/3	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
9/10	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
9/17	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
9/24	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

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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.

Sermon "A Spirituality of Faith Promise" 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

Faith Promise Presentation Steve Wike
Chairman, Stewardship Committee

*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) UMH pp. 9-10

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

(Gluten free bread is served for your need.)

Music during Communion

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

Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness," BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

In memory of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, died 4 September 1965

*Hymn *Near to the Heart of God* UH No. 472

*Benediction Pastor Paul Song

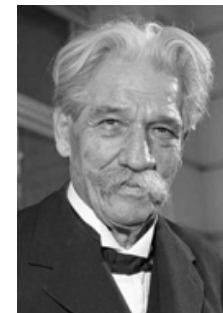
*Closing Chorus *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666

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 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH No. 438

"Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do."

DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND "THE FIFTH EVANGELIST"



On the 58th anniversary of his death, 4 September 1965, let us remember and celebrate Dr. Albert Schweitzer — theologian, physician, organist, and Bach scholar.

Schweitzer was born on 14 January 1875 at Kaisersberg, Alsace, into a family of Lutheran pastors, organists, and teachers. As a theologian he gained international recognition with *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* (1910), presenting the eschatological view that Christ's ministry was dominated by His knowledge of being the Messiah and of the imminent end of the world. Yet even before this book was published, Schweitzer had decided to leave his positions as pastor and professor at the University of Strasbourg and became a humble medical student.

From 1913 onward he served as a pioneering missionary doctor in the hospital he himself built at Lambaréné, Gabon, in French Equatorial Africa.

Concurrent with these superhuman achievements was Albert Schweitzer's lifelong pursuit of music, both as performer and scholar. In Paris he studied with renowned organist and composer Charles-Marie Widor, who introduced him to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. "For me," said Widor, "Bach is the greatest of preachers" — the Fifth Evangelist! At Widor's instigation Schweitzer wrote *J. S. Bach: le Musicien-Poète*, a groundbreaking analysis of Bach's musical word-painting and symbolism. The book portrayed Bach as a deeply religious mystic whose music was impersonal and unselfconscious, as cosmic as the forces of nature. It described the composer as a musician-poet, the supreme pictorial artist in sound, and gave detailed and copiously illustrated instructions for the performance of his works.

As an organist Schweitzer was indefatigable in spreading the gospel of Bach, and the proceeds from his concerts and recordings were always plowed back into humanitarian causes. He won the Nobel Prize for peace in 1952. Above all Albert Schweitzer can be regarded as an artist who strove with humility to become as nearly perfect as possible in his Christian discipleship and in all the facets of his many-sided genius.

— Rudy Shackelford