



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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October 1, 2023

11:00 a.m.

**18th Sunday after Pentecost
World 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 Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Pauline Reimold (11:00)
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Andersen
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
Greeters:	Gerri Wilson, David Ayers (11:00)

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

Intrada *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH No. 62
Celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Pauline Reimold

Leader: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

Congregation: We speak different languages and sing different hymns.

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

Congregation: Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.

Leader: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

Congregation: Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day. Amen.

***Hymn** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* UMH No. 526

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version)* UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Pauline Reimold

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church: we rejoice that you have formed your people into one body comprised of believers of every race and nations. Your salvation has reached to the ends of the earth and to all generations. We praise and thank you that your gospel has reached us and that our voices will join those of many languages this day to proclaim your praise. Accept our praise, purify our hearts, instruct us in your word, feed us at your table, and visit us with your Spirit that we may follow in the ways of faith, to the glory of God the Father. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *Share His Love* William J. Reynolds

Children's Church Dismissal

STEWARDSHIP	9/24
General Fund (\$275 Charlotte Cecil)	3927.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Altar Flowers	150.00
GNMCS	361.00
ATTENDANCE	9/24
In-person Worship (8:30-26; 11:00-57)	83
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	37
Total in Worship	120

COUNTING TEAMS	
10/1	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
10/8	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
10/15	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
10/22	Team 6: Betty Durette, Clair Hillard, Dawn Cluts

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Dr. Rudy Shackelford, Organist	home 804.642.5938, cell 804.413.0211	By appt.

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.

Old Testament Reading Exodus 17:1-7 Pauline Reimold
***Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:23-32
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Mission of the Church Universal" 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 *Lauda Spirituale: "Ogne Homo"* Anonymous Italian
Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford (13-14th century)

"Let everyone raise high their voice in praise of the true Cross.
How worthy it is of praise no heart can conceive, no tongue can tell – the true and holy Cross."

***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
(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive bread, dip it into cup.)

Music during Communion "Goldberg" Variations Johann Sebastian Bach
Variation 25 (1685-1750)

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 Gift of Love* UMH No. 408

***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 *God of the Sparrow God of the Whale* UMH No. 122

