



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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October 15, 2023

11:00 a.m.

20th Sunday after Pentecost

**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): Emily Ward (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: Loreen Paiva (11:00)  
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)  
 Greeters: David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	10/8
General Fund	9288.50
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
Altar Flowers	100.00
Endowment Fund (IMO Pat Kearney \$100; Charlotte Cecil \$50)	180.00
Homebound Ministries	100.00
G.U.E.S.T.	100.00
ATTENDANCE	10/8
In-person Worship (8:30-32; 11:00-65)	97
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube) <i>(YouTube is from two weeks prior to today's service)</i>	49
<b>Total in Worship</b>	<b>146</b>

COUNTING TEAMS	
<b>10/15</b>	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
<b>10/22</b>	<b>Team 6:</b> Betty Durette, Clair Hillard, Dawn Cluts
<b>10/29</b>	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
<b>11/5</b>	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

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

**Intrada**

*Hymn: "In Thee Is Gladness"*

UMH No. 169

*Prelude on "In Thee Is Gladness," from The Little Organ Book, BWV 615*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction**

Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship**

Loreen Paiva

Leader: As a Shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

**Congregation: so God seeks and saves the lost.**

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

**Congregation: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.**

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

**Congregation: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**

Leader: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

**All: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**\*Hymn**

*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*

UMH No. 365

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional Version)

UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer**

Loreen Paiva

**Almighty and Loving God, worthy of our praises,**

**Prevent us, we pray, from falling into the sin of believing that the slavery of Egypt is better than the struggle in the desert.**

**Lord, in these times, when we fear we are losing hope or feel that our efforts are futile, let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection, and let that be our source of courage and strength. With that, and in your company, help us face challenges and struggles against all that is born of injustice. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Derek Hakes

Revised & transcribed by Craig Courtney

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

**Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”** Pastor Paul Song  
**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.**

**Meditation** “Goldberg” Variations, BWV 988 Johann Sebastian Bach  
Variation 29 (1685-1750)  
Variation 30 – Quodlibet

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song  
**Offertory** “Goldberg” Variations Johann Sebastian Bach  
Aria

**\*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.**

**Prayer of Illumination** Loreen Paiva  
**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 32:1-14 Loreen Paiva  
**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 22:1-14  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Life-Giving Banquet” Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn** *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* UMH No. 616

**\*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** *Hymn: “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”* Martin Luther  
Harmonized by Johann Sebastian Bach (1483-1546)

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	10.15.23
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Gwen Wesson, Larry Whitfield		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Charlotte Cecil, Sandra Hollins		
<b>HEALTH ISSUES:</b> Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, David Cecil, Billy Davis, Estelle Harris, David Hoover, Kathy Jacobs, Bonnie Lewis, Joy Long, Dennis Mitchell, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Alice Northam, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan		
<b>HOSPITALIZED:</b> Sue Morecock (Riverside Regional-no visitors at this time)		
<b>HOMEBOUND:</b> Linda Booth, Ruth Wallace		
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Kathleen Greene, Yvonne White		
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Dylan Chapin, Krista Chase, Billy Davis, Jane Niethamer, Steve Wike		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b>		
BETHANY FRIENDS		
<b>CANCER/CHEMO:</b> Clint Alexander, Peyton Arthur, Fran Bonnville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Carol Gibbs, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Erin Kate (Dooley) McGuire, Sissi Mise, John Sheppard, Chauntea Shield, Mason Staley, Jill Ward, Bob Wharen, Susan Williams		
<b>GRIEVING:</b> Families of Linda Krause Knapp, Don Kurth, Susan Townsend, Joyce Ann Williams		
<b>HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES:</b> Connie Bowler, Sandy Brinker (PA), Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Laura Hodges, Ellis Hogge, Adie Kurth, Donna Messersmith, Sylvia Motley, Dottie Myers (PA), Ken Pierkowski, Phillip Presson, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Sandie Wharen, Sabrina Wikle		
<b>HOSPICE:</b> Selma		
<b>HOSPITAL/REHAB:</b> Jan Flansberg, James Page (GA)		
<b>PARKINSON’S:</b> Janet Burch (KY)		
<b>RECOVERING FROM SURGERY:</b> Luke Burner, Terry Corbin, Jaunita Goins, Pat Hall, Silvia Howerton, Natalie Long, Howard Moore, Brandon Thomas		
<b>UPCOMING SURGERY:</b>		
<b>OTHER PRAYERS:</b> Afghanistan earthquake victims, Israel and Ukraine, Randy Wilson		
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES ( <i>italics—Bethany friends</i> )		
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>		
ASSISTED LIVING ( <i>italics-Bethany friends</i> )		
<b>Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061</b>	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Kathleen Greene, Rm 106 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102	
<b>Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061</b> (Sid & Marion Dixon’s mailing address: PO Box 36, Gloucester Point, VA 23062)	Sid Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 35 Marion Dixon, Bldg 2, Rm 33 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29 Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13	
<b>Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061</b>	Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
<b>Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235</b>	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
<b>Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149</b>	Jennie Lipscomb	
<b>The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692</b>	Sue Morecock, Rm 214	