



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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February 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
 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: Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Sylvia Ransone
 Liturgist: Clair Hillard (11:00)
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)
 Greeters: Nancy Cooper, David Ayers (11:00)

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

STEWARDSHIP	1/28
General Fund	3133.25
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	5.00
Misc. / Shrove Tuesday	100.00
ATTENDANCE	1/28
In-person Worship (8:30am-29; 11am-85)	114
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	90
Total in Worship	204

COUNTING TEAMS	
2/4	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
2/11	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
2/18	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
2/25	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

Intrada *On Wings of Song* Felix Mendelssohn
 Celebrating Mendelssohn's 215th birthday! (3 Feb. 1809-1847)

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

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** *Near to the Heart of God* UMH No. 472

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) 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. Amen.

Anthem *Celtic Laud* Pamela Martin
 Music & transcription by Craig Courtney

Time with Children Brad Thomas

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.

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Scripture Reading Psalm 19:1-6 Clair Hillard
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Voice of God” Pastor Paul Song

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”

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 *War March of the Priests, from “Athalie”* Felix Mendelssohn

***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 *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* Martin Luther (1524)

On Bended Knees Harry T. Burleigh
Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford (1866-1949)
Honoring Black History Month

“Oh, I look away yonder—what do I see? A band of angels after me,
Come to tote me away from de fiel’s all green ‘cause nobody knows de trouble I’ve seen!”
— African-American Spiritual

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** *How Great Thou Art* UMH No. 77

***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 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Felix Mendelssohn
“Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.”
— Charles Wesley (UMH No. 240)

