



**Bethany United Methodist Church**

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

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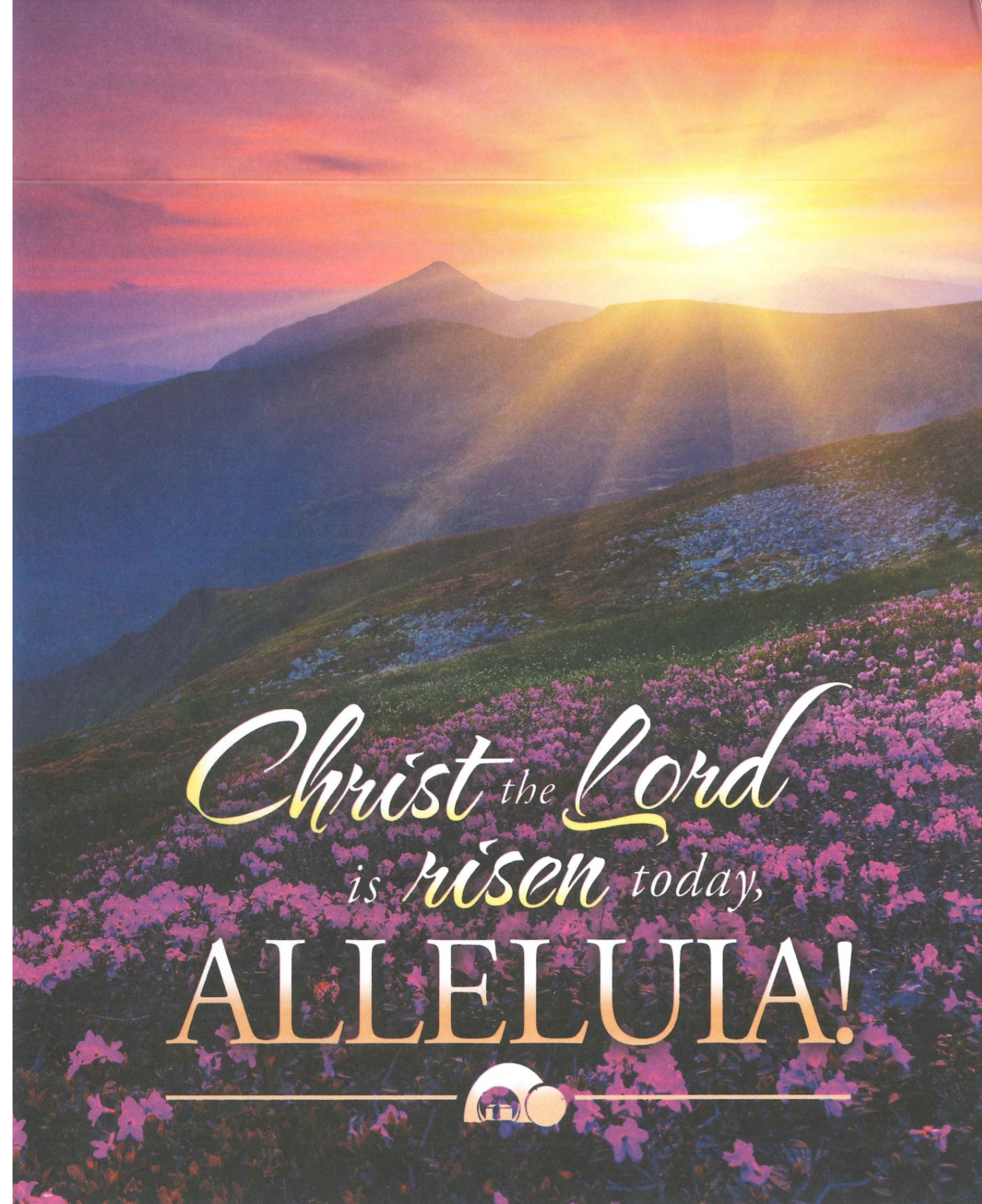
**VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY**

Acolyte(s): Emily Ward  
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk, Aidan Dumbrocyo  
 Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby  
 Liturgist: Betty Neikirk (11:00)  
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)  
 Greeters: Rick and Gerri Wilson (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP		COUNTING TEAMS	
General Fund (\$125 Jim Durette)	3/24	3/31	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
Capital Improvement	50.00	4/7	<b>Team 6:</b> Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
Pastor's Discretionary Fund (\$50 in honor of Alan Harvey)	260.00	4/14	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
Hospitality Fund (Jim Durette)	50.00	4/21	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
Media Fund	320.00	ATTENDANCE	
Kitchen Fund	40.00	3/24	
		In-person Worship (8:30-32; 11:00-91)	123
		Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	53
		Total in Worship	176

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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Sandra Fox, Director of Music	call/text 757.329.6128 email: <a href="mailto:rfox6@cox.net">rfox6@cox.net</a>	Works from home, by appt.
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*Christ the Lord*  
*is risen today,*  
**ALLELUIA!**



March 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

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.

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

**Intrada** *Sinfonia, from Cantata No. 29:* Johann Sebastian Bach  
"Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir" (21 March 1685-1750)  
"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks and thy wondrous works declare."

**Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Betty Neikirk

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

**Congregation: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.**

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

**Congregation: The one you are looking for has overcome death.**

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

**Congregation: The one you are looking for is alive!**

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**Congregation: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

**All: Let us worship our Risen Savior!**

**\*Hymn** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH No. 569

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, & Colossians 1:15-20 UMH No. 888

**Opening Prayer** Betty Neikirk

**Lord of Life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave.**

**By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you.**

**By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin.**

**Throughout these fifty days of Easter we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity.**

**Through Christ who is risen, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** *The Easter Song (w/Christ the Lord Is Risen Today)*  
words and music by Anne Herring, arr. by Joseph M. Martin

**Time with Children** Brad Thomas

**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** *Trumpet Voluntary* Rudy Shackelford  
Composed in 1997 to celebrate Bethany's 110th anniversary  
Based on *Piano Sonata Opus 110* by Ludwig van Beethoven

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song  
**Offertory** *Tue es Petra, from "Byzantine Sketches"* Henri Mulet (1878-1967)  
Transcribed for organ-piano duet by Rudy Shackelford  
"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." – *Matthew 16:18*

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH No. 302

**Prayer of Illumination** Betty Neikirk  
**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.**

**New Testament Reading** Acts 10:34-43 Betty Neikirk  
**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 24:1-12  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Looking for the Living among the Dead" Pastor Paul Song

**\*Hymn** *Up from the Grave He Arose* UMH No. 322

**\*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** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH No. 89  
Music from Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, transcribed for carillon by Rudy Shackelford