



Bethany United Methodist Church  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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April 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
 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): Regina Berry  
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk, Aidan Dumbrocyo  
 Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Sharon Cheek, Mary Linda Brooks  
 Liturgist: Pauline Reimold (11:00)  
 Trustee Contact this week: Milton Hudgins  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)  
 Greeters: Sandra Byrd, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP		COUNTING TEAMS	
	3/31		
General Fund (\$50 Jim Durette)	4518.50	4/7	<b>Team 6:</b> Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
Capital Improvement	50.00	4/14	<b>Team 1:</b> Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	210.00	4/21	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
Altar Flowers	60.00	4/28	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
Organ Fund	50.00		
ATTENDANCE		3/31	
In-person Worship (8:30-37; 11:00-133)	170		
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	60		
Total in Worship	236		

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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

**Intrada** *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH No. 304

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

**\*Call to Worship** Pauline Reimold

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**Congregation: And kindle in them the fire of your love.**  
 Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
**All: And you will renew the face of the earth.**

**\*Hymn** *He Lives* UMH No. 310

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed UMH No.881

**Opening Prayer** Pauline Reimold

**O Lord, your wondrous birth means nothing unless we are born again; your death and sacrifice mean nothing unless we die to sin; your resurrection means nothing if you be risen alone. Raise and exalt us, O Savior, both now to the estate of grace and hereafter to the state of glory; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, God for ever and ever. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** *In Remembrance of Me* words by Ragan Courtney  
 music by Buryl Red

**Time with Children** Brad Thomas

**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.**

**\*Gospel Reading** John 20: 19-29 Pauline Reimold  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “The Better Way” 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** *See, the Conqu’ring Hero Comes,* George Frideric Handel  
from “*Judas Maccabeus*” (1685-1759)

**\*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) 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.**

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**Giving the Bread and Cup**  
(*Communion is served by intinction. After you receive bread, dip it into cup.*)

**Music during Communion** *The Heavenly Banquet* Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

“He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood,  
dwelleth in me, and I in him.”  
— *John 6: 56*

**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** *In the Garden* UMH No. 314

**\*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** *Christ the Victorious* UMH No. 653