



Bethany United Methodist Church  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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June 2, 2024

11:00 a.m.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
 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): Josiah Minor  
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Chip Neikirk  
 Aidan Dumbrocyo  
 Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane  
 Liturgist: Regina Berry (11:00)  
 Trustee Contact this week: Milton Hudgins  
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Rick Wilson, Kirk Bell (11:00)  
 Greeters: Jane Sterling, David Ayers (11:00)

STEWARDSHIP	5/26
General Fund (Judy Hudgins 150)	6889.00
Capital Improvement Fund	100.00
ATTENDANCE	5/26
In-person Worship (8:30-29; 11:00-60)	89
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	50
Total in Worship	149

COUNTING TEAMS	
6/2	<b>Team 2:</b> Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
6/9	<b>Team 4:</b> Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
6/16	<b>Team 3:</b> Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
6/23	<b>Team 5:</b> Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
6/30	<b>Team 6:</b> Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

**BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

Rev. Moonsup "Paul" Song, Pastor	call/text 703.625.8025, office: 804.642.2110 email: pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues. thru Fri., 9am-3pm For pastoral emergencies, call/text 703.625.8025
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Brad Thomas, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	Office 804.642.2110, call/text 304.483.3403 Email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Tues./Thurs. 9:30am-2pm (Mon./Wed. from home)

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

**Intrada** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* UMH No. 626  
*"Ponder nothing earthly minded"*

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Regina Berry

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** *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH No. 92

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

**Opening Prayer** Regina Berry

**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.**

**Reception of New Members** Brad and Christie Thomas UMH No. 38-39

**Anthem** *Shall We Gather At the River* Robert Lowry  
 arr. by John Coates, Jr.

**Time with Children** Brad Thomas

**Prayer of Illumination** Regina Berry  
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** Nehemiah 8:10 Regina Berry  
**New Testament Reading** Philippians 4:4-7  
**\*Gospel Reading** Matthew 25:21  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "Claim the Joy of the Lord" 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** *Intermezzo in B Minor, Opus 119, No. 1* Johannes Brahms  
"He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food" (1833-1897)

**\*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.

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

**Music during Communion**  
*Ave Maria, from Poetic and Religious Harmonies* Franz List  
"Rise, voice of my soul, With the dawn, with the night!  
Leap forth like the flame, Scatter like sound!...  
Rise to the edge of the waters In the profound solitudes,  
Where God reveals himself to faith!" (1811-1886)  
- Lamartine

**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** *We Know That Christ is Raised* UMH No.610

**\*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** *Now the Silence* UMH No. 619  
"Now the Spirit's visitation, Now the Son's epiphany, Now the Father's blessing"

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