



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Aidan Dumbrocyo
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 Chip Neikirk, Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Ann Byrd, Betty Durette, Syliva Ransone
 Liturgist: Lynne Barnes
 Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Greeters: Nancy Cooper, David Ayers

STEWARDSHIP		COUNTING TEAMS	
General Fund	8/4	8/11	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	6633.80	8/18	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
Capital Improvement	170.00	8/25	Team 2: Betty Neikirk, Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane
Flowers	120.00	9/1	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
Church Directory	180.00		
ATTENDANCE	8/4		
In-person Worship	40.00		
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	55		
Total in Worship	41		
	96		

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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August 11, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Bethany United Methodist Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

HEARING DEVICES AVAILABLE: Please see an usher.

**Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.*

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

Intrada

Aurelia (the Church's One Foundation)

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Celebrating Wesley's 214th Birthday, August 14th

(1810-1876)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Lynne Barnes

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Congregation: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

Congregation: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

Congregation: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

All: Hallelujah, Amen.

***Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH No. 451

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's Creed

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Lynne Barnes

Merciful God, we gather today knowing there are people in our world who are surrounded by violence, and conflict on every side. Our world is full of war, violence, injustice, and oppression. We are surrounded on all sides by misinformation, half-truths, and lies.

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Give us courage to tell the truth of your love, to protect the innocent, and to resist evil in every way it presents itself.

God of Hope, our lives are filled with so many reasons for despair. Loneliness abounds, uncertainty overwhelms, and suffering feels constant.

Fill us with the warmth of your love and inspire us to extend a hand, a hug, a smile, a gesture of connection in a disconnected world. And lead us to live in the hope that you give through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

"Were It Not for Grace"

David Hamilton & Phil McHugh

Time with Children Brad Thomas
Presentation of Summer Mission Trip

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

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 *Larghetto (Moderately Slow),* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
from “Three Pieces for a Chamber Organ”
“ I listened, motionless and still, And as I mounted up the hill,
The music in my heart I bore, Long after it was heard no more.”
-- William Wordsworth

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God, from Cantata No.79* J.S Bach
Transcribed for organ by Virgil Fox, based upon UMH NO. 102 (1685-1750)

*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 Lynne Barnes
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.

Scripture Reading Luke 10:38-42 Lynne Barnes
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Bethany Vision” Pastor Paul Song

*Hymn *We Are the Church* UMH. No.558

*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 *O Thou, Who Camest from Above* Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Words by Charles Wesley, UMH No. 501

Notes on Today’s Music:

“G O N E F I S H I N G”

THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY

Born 214 years ago, 1810, on August 14th, Samuel Sebastian Wesley was the foremost English organist and composer of church music in the mid-19th century. Grandson of Charles Wesley, the prolific hymn writer, and great nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, he inherited a full measure of both the genius and the often difficult temperament which ran in that illustrious family.

His father, Samuel Wesley, was a musical prodigy who composed a sacred opera, *Ruth*, at age eight. Like Felix Mendelssohn in Germany, Samuel Wesley later played a pivotal rôle in reviving Johann Sebastian Bach’s music in England. In a letter of 1808 he called Bach “Saint Sebastian” and characterized his works as “a musical Bible, unrivaled and inimitable.”

Small wonder then that Samuel’s son bore the middle name Sebastian and followed in his father’s footsteps as an organist and composer of anthems in the venerable English choral tradition. He had a vision of the worship service as an art form, amalgamating music, liturgy, architecture, and religious ceremony. Unfortunately, together with his dedication to this cause went a knack of falling out with those in a position of authority — a character trait shared with no less than J. S. Bach himself! His first job, as organist of Hereford Cathedral, ended when Sam eloped with the Dean’s sister. Thereafter his career was broken up by a series of restless moves from one post to another: Exeter Cathedral, Leeds Parish Church, Winchester and Gloucester Cathedrals. Once when he failed to appear for a service, a note was found on the organ: “Gone fishing.” Yet everywhere his talent was acclaimed: “The greatest organist now living!” wrote one critic after hearing Samuel Sebastian Wesley perform at the 1843 Birmingham Festival.

Today he is remembered chiefly for the immortal hymntune *Aurelia* (“The Church’s One Foundation”) and a handful of anthems and short organ pieces. Among the latter, his haunting *Larghetto*--the title means “moderately slow” -- deserves more frequent hearings. While at first it seems to express an entirely personal sorrow, this sentiment is elevated to the stature of a universal lament through the influence of Beethoven’s nobility and grandeur.
– Rudy Shackelford

