



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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All Services May be Viewed on:



September 1, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Bethany United Methodist Church
 15th Sunday After Pentecost
 Communion Sunday

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshipping 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

Come, Labor On (Ora Labora)

Thomas Tertius Noble

“And to each servant does the Master say, ‘Go work today’”

(1867-1953)

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Ann Byrd

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**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

UMH 66

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle’s Creed

UMH No. 881

Opening Prayer

Ann Byrd

O God, you have bound us together in this life.

Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor.

May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

In the Sweet By and By

Sanford Fillmore Bennett (1868)

Joseph Philbrick Webster

Time with Children

Brad Thomas

Prayer of Illumination

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.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Regina Berry
 Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kim Song, Aidan Dumbrocyo
 Altar Guild this month: Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
 Liturgist: Ann Byrd
 Trustee Contact this week: Rob Raines
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Greeters: Tom Smith, David Ayers

STEWARDSHIP	8/25
General Fund	5158.93
Other Funds	196.00
ATTENDANCE	8/25
In-person Worship	95
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	70
Total in Worship	165

COUNTING TEAMS	
9/1	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
9/8	Team 4: Bernard Robins, Debbie Robins, Doris Luther
9/15	Team 5: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane
9/22	Team 6: Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

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Scripture Reading Colossians 3:18-4:1 Ann Byrd
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Labor Day Reflection” 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)

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory *Trumpet Tune in D Major* David N. Johnson
(1922-1987)

***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 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 the bread, please dip it into the cup.)

Music during Communion (In memory of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, who died 4 September 1965)

Communion Hymn: “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” UMH 612

Prelude on “Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

Prelude on “Deck Thyself, My soul, with Gladness,” BWV 654 J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

***Hymn** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* UMH 500

***Benediction** Pastor Paul Song

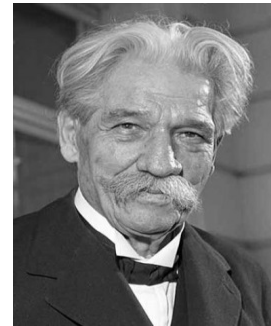
***Closing Chorus** *Shalom to You* UMH No. 666

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 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

Notes on Today’s Music

DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER AND “THE FIFTH EVANGELIST”



On the 59th anniversary of his death, 4 September 1965, let us remember and celebrate Dr. Albert Schweitzer — theologian, physician, organist, and Bach scholar. Schweitzer was born on 14 January 1875 at Kaisersberg, Alsace, into a family of Lutheran pastors, organists, and teachers. As a theologian he gained international recognition with *The Quest for the Historical Jesus* (1910), presenting the eschatological view that Christ’s ministry was dominated by His knowledge of being the Messiah and of the imminent end of the world.

Yet even before this book was published, Schweitzer had decided to leave his positions as pastor and professor at the University of Strasbourg and became an humble medical student. From 1913 onward he served as a pioneering missionary doctor in the hospital he himself built at Lambaréné, Gabon, in French Equatorial Africa. Concurrent with these superhuman achievements was Albert Schweitzer’s lifelong pursuit of music, both as performer and scholar. In Paris he studied with renowned organist and composer Charles-Marie Widor, who introduced him to the works of Johann Sebastian Bach. “For me,” said Widor, “Bach is the greatest of preachers” – the Fifth Evangelist! At Widor’s instigation Schweitzer wrote *J. S. Bach: le Musicien-Poète*, a groundbreaking analysis of Bach’s musical word-painting and symbolism. The book portrayed Bach as a deeply religious mystic whose music was impersonal and unselfconscious, as cosmic as the forces of nature. It described the composer as a musician-poet, the supreme pictorial artist in sound, and gave detailed and copiously illustrated instructions for the performance of his works.

As an organist Schweitzer was indefatigable in spreading the gospel of Bach, and the proceeds from his concerts and recordings were always plowed back into humanitarian causes. He won the Nobel Prize for peace in 1952. Above all Albert Schweitzer can be regarded as an artist who strove with humility to become as nearly perfect as possible in his Christian discipleship and in all the facets of his many-sided genius.

– Rudy Shackelford

