

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Words by Robert Lowry, first published 1868
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My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new
creation. Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the
music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep
from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord, my Savior,
liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the
night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to
that refuge clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and
earth, how can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to
love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain
ever springing. All things are mine since I am his! How can I
keep from singing?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathies – Christian sympathies to the family of Ronald Salisbury Banks, Sr. Ronnie died Sunday, August 9, 2020.

Christian sympathies to the family of Harrell T. McGuire. Harrell died Sunday, August 9, 2020.

Worship Sign Up

*Each Monday registration will open for the following Sunday.
There are three ways you can sign up.*

- 1) Go to www.bethany-umc.com- click on worship sign up button
- 2) Use link on Bethany UMC Facebook page
- 3) Use link sent to you in E-links weekly email

This will open the registration form, your contact information should automatically fill in. If it does not, complete your contact information.

Choose the service you wish to attend and indicate how many are in your party. If registration is full, you will be unable to choose that service, you then may pick a different service to attend.

Also, answer the question in regards to elevator usage. Hit submit and your registration is complete. You will receive a confirmation email when completed. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

Bethany Blessing Box

The Bethany Blessing Box is low on supplies and in need of donations! Summer months are especially hard on those in need. You can place your donations directly in the Blessing Box that is located in front of the playground beside the Gazebo, or in the boxes located within the church. There is a green box upstairs in the Welcome Center and red bin located downstairs by the Welcome Desk. Thank you for your support!

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to 77977. This is a safe and convenient way to give!

Recording/Photography

Portions of Worship services are recorded and made available for viewing on our web site. As a worshiper, you will not be identified in the recording/photos unless you are a speaker using our public address system. No close-up shots will be used of the congregation, allowing you privacy in your worship experience. If you wish to not have your image or voice used in our worship video, please notify Debbie Dominianni (843.873.1230, ddominianni@bethany-umc.com), otherwise attendance implies consent.

Emergency Phone

A minister is on call for pastoral emergencies after normal business hours during the week, as well as on weekends and holidays. If you have an emergency for which you need pastoral care, call the church emergency number, **843.425.1069**.

Wifi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password `guest2015`.

Stephen Ministry

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

August 16, 2020
8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services



Rev. Mitch Houston, Senior Pastor
Rev. Narcie Jeter, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mark Barnes, Minister of Congregational Care
Rev. Josephine Locklair, Spell Chapel
Rev. James Alewine, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Emily Vick, Creative Ministries Director
Ms. Stephanie Mitchum, Children's Program Director
Mr. Mike Jeter, Youth Director
Dr. Valerie Bullock, Director of Music Ministries
Mr. Michael López, Organist

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We are a Stephen Ministry Church, a Safe Sanctuaries Congregation and a Welcoming Church.

CALLED TO CARE

August 16, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

We will remain seated for the first two hymns out of respect for the wishes of our music community and others.

Prelude

arr. Don Hustad

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

Welcome and Parish Concerns

Hymn in Procession

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal, we follow not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Anthem *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Mark Hayes

The Scripture Lesson Genesis 31:43-50

Minister: The word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A Watchtower" Rev. Mitch Houston

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of Dedication

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

Blessing of the People

Postlude *Lift High the Cross* arr. Larry Shackley

Quintet

8:45 – Millie Runyon, Lindsey Webb, Lisa Spires,
Maurice Burgess, Greg Spires

10:30 - Janice Waters, Barbara Bassett, Shelby Krallman,
Jim Paxton, Jacob Turner

The Apostles' Creed

WELCOME

We welcome all guests to our service today. If you would like more information about Bethany or becoming a member of our church, please contact Jack Sehart, Membership Director, at jsehart@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230, ext. 1837.

CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In order to not distract your fellow worshippers, please **silence** cell phones and other electronic devices before the worship service begins. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our parents, Ira and Mary Cutshall and Frank and Gussie McLeod by Elizabeth and Gerald Cutshall.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Jeremy Dunlap; Greg Horres, Frank Monterisi, Justin Murrie, Cory Rogers, Michael Wood, Denny Sullivan, Travis Wheeler

10:30 - Team Leader: Mike Field; Linda Field, Bill Jones, Peggy Acord, Myron Hinton, Lisa Hinton, Debra Towe

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.

Gifts (*Figures for August 9, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 41,068.15
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date	1,038,319.27
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	22,551.05

Capital Campaign (*Figures for August 9, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	2,987.94
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	82,310.53

