

River in Judea

Often times I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and good will, the will to go on, go on.

There is a river in Judea, that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing,
ringing river that my soul cries out, my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travelin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings.

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, meet by
the shore.

'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more, once
more:

There is a river in Judea, Hallelu, that I heard of long ago, Hallelu.
It's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out,
My soul cries out to the River in Judea, Hallelujah!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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).

Epworth Children's Home Work Day Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This
tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to
"Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a
bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual,
educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you
consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to
children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He
embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is
answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to
our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call
Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United
Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital
ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on
the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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!

2020 Tea Room

Due to Covid 19 issues, our traditional
Autumn Tea Room will not be taking
place this year. However, we are excited
to announce that a virtual gift shop and
online silent auction will take place
Oct. 11-16. Once available, a link will be
on the website to access the online gift
shop as well as the option to give
monetary donations.

Donations of handmade crafts and
projects are needed and can be
dropped off at the Business Office from
Sept. 1-20.

Our Local Mission partners need our
support now more than ever, and with
your donations and purchases, we can
continue to support them!

The Return

Bethany's Friday Women's Bible Study
will be hosting and participating in this
Global Day of Repentance and Prayer
here at Bethany UMC on Saturday,
Sept. 26.

All are welcome, as always social
distancing will be observed
and masks will be required.

It will be a drop-in from 9 am-9 pm.
More information will follow in the
upcoming weeks.

Bethany Blessing Box

The Bethany Blessing Box is low on
supplies and in need of donations!
We will accept any foods but here are
our needs at this time. You can bring
them to the Business Office or put them
on the shelf outside the office.

Green Beans
Corn
Peas
Mixed Veggies
Can Stew
Tuna
Chicken
Cereal
Jelly
Mash potatoes
Pasta and Sauce
Thank you for your support!

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.

Wi-Fi Access

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

BETHANY

United Methodist Church

September 6, 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
Ms. Barbara Bassett, Interim 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

September 6, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP
14th Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

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

Prelude *O How He Loves You and Me* arr. Marilyn Arison
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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars my cease, and all be prayer and praise.

His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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.*

The Scripture Lesson

James 3:13-18

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

River in Judea

arr. John Leavitt

Sermon "Dueling Wisdom" Rev. Mark Barnes

Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

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

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Blessing of the People

Postlude *The Doxology* arr. Chris Tambling

Quintet

8:45 ~ Millie Runyon, Lindsey Webb, Lisa Spires, Maurice Burgess,
Greg Spires
10:30 ~ Janice Waters, Karen Thompson, Elizabeth Honan, Jim Paxton,
Jacob Turner

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 worshipers, 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 by Patricia Hartman as a thank you to the Pastors and staff for all they are doing during these challenging times.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 - Team Leader: Bill Phillips; Ron Clayton, Brian Collier, Jim Emery,
Bob Iannace, Tim McConnell, Ed Muckenfuss, Scott Muckenfuss,
Marion Thompson

10:30 - Team Leader: David Morris; Bart Burford, Greg Elliott, Gerry Purvis,
Jimmy Jackson, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe

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 30, 2020. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions	\$ 42,717.83
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	1,139,188.19
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date	32,008.65

Capital Campaign (*Figures for August 30, 2020)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	6,148.70
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	93,106.36