

## Cry No More

In the shadow where we linger, In this darkness we call home,  
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful, And our aspirations groan,  
All is not in vain, Beloved, Our travail is not unknown.  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.

Though we have not faith to seek Him, Christ Himself will draw us near,  
Deep, abiding rays of mercy, Cast their light on lonely fear.  
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, Our redeeming Lord I here.  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last,  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.

Sure defender, never failing, Radiant Savior, Holy Friend  
Gift of glory, Hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!  
Cry no more! Blest compassion, Grace is shining without end!  
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last,  
Love Incarnate, hold Your children Till the storm of life is past.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Lenten Services

Lenten worship services will be offered **virtually** at 6:30 pm each Wednesday.  
You may join via our Facebook page or the website [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

**March 17:** Lenten Service - Rev. Joel Warren

**March 24:** Lenten Service - Rev. Narcie Jeter

**April 1:** Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm **In-Person** in the Sanctuary

**April 2:** Good Friday – Noon – **Virtual**

### Easter Worship Services

*Please register online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com)*

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Hutchinson Square\* – please bring your lawn chair
  - 8 am Spell Chapel Service in Sanctuary
  - 8:45 am Word and Table Contemporary in the Fellowship Hall\*\*
  - 9:30 am and 11 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary\*\*
- \*\* A Nursery will be provided

### 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](http://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).

### NURSERY

**The Nursery will open on March 28 for the 8:45 and 10:30 Worship services. Nursery is for children ages birth - pre-Kindergarten 5-year olds. You must register if you plan to use the nursery, registration is part of the Worship Registration form. Drop off and pick up of children will be in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.**

### Tech. Ministries Work Day

Technical Ministries is going to have a workday on Saturday, Mar. 20 starting at 8:30 am. Please meet in the back of the Fellowship Hall. There is no experience needed and if you have ladders please bring them. Please direct any questions to [techsupport@bethany-umc.com](mailto:techsupport@bethany-umc.com).

### Text to Give Option

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

### RightNow Media

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

### Blessing Box Needs

Donations for the Blessing Box are needed. You can drop off donations in front of the Business Office door during the week, or on Sundays. The following will be much appreciated:

- \*Bagged rice
- \*Macaroni and cheese boxes
- \*Spaghetti/pasta jarred or canned sauces
- \*Peanut butter
- \*Jelly
- \*Canned/ready to eat ravioli, stew, chili
- \*Fruit (large cans and individual serving cups)
- \*Individual grits packets
- \*Granola bars
- \*Snack Pack pudding
- \*Ritz crackers "Fresh Stacks" box. (the packages of crackers are smaller)
- \*Rice/Pasta/Potato sides in envelopes or boxes

### Wi-fi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com) guest2015.

### 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 the church office (843.873.1230), 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**.

# BETHANY

## United Methodist Church

March 14, 2021  
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**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
March 14, 2021  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Gathering**  
As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

**Prelude** Meditation on "Picardy" arr. Edward Beals  
As the prelude begins, let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and prepare for worship.

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**Pledge of Allegiance** (8:45)

**\*Hymn** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*  
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Price of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.  
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Sacrament of Baptism** (8:45)

**Reception of New Members** (10:30)

**Call to Prayer**  
Minister: The Lord be with you  
**People: And also with you.**

**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.*

**Offering Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Assurance** *Take Time to Be Holy*  
Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide, and run not before him, whatever be tide. In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.  
Take time to be holy, be clam in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

**The Scripture Lesson** Ephesians 4:1-6, 25-36  
Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** *Cry No More* Dan Forrest  
Chamber Singers

**Sermon** "Be Imitators of God" Rev. Mitch Houston

**Affirmation of Faith** 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.

**Gloria Patri**

**\*Hymn of Dedication** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.  
Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude** Prelude in A minor J. S. Bach

Today is Scout Sunday. We are honored to have David Martin lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance at the 8:45 service.

**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 jsehrt@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 in honor and appreciation for the pastors and staff of Bethany UMC by Berlin and Betsy Myers.*

**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, Jimmy Jackson, Gerry Purvis, Bob Minus, Steve Wilson, Justin Goethe

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**Sacrament of Baptism** (8:45)

**Natalie Reese Reardon, Jacob Samuel Mayo and Sarah Elizabeth Mayo** will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 8:45 am service. They are the children of Owen and Christin Mayo.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

Gifts (\*Figures for March 7, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$	37,921.84
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....		286,904.59
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....		5,266.60

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 7, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	4,777.94
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	15,816.96
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