

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### 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 is open for the 8:45 am and 10:30 am 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.

### 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!

### 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. We are currently in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. Thank you!

### Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs

Please continue collecting your pop tabs! There's a collection box in the Business Office, in the Fellowship Hall and in the Welcome Center.

### 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.

### Wi-fi Access

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

### Children's Church

Children's Church is available for children Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 8:45 worship service.

Please complete and attach a Children's Church sticker to your child prior to them leaving the service. Stickers are located in the Narthex and at the rear of the Fellowship Hall. Children will be escorted to Children's Church at a designated point in the service and can be picked up at the end of worship in room 213. We are looking for volunteers to help lead Children's Church on a rotating basis. All curriculum and supplies are provided. If you would like to help, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com).

### Youth Announcement

Youth Ascend meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm. All middle and high school students are invited and welcome! Ascend offers a place where youth can fellowship, connect, and grow in their faith through games, song, message, and small groups.

### 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.

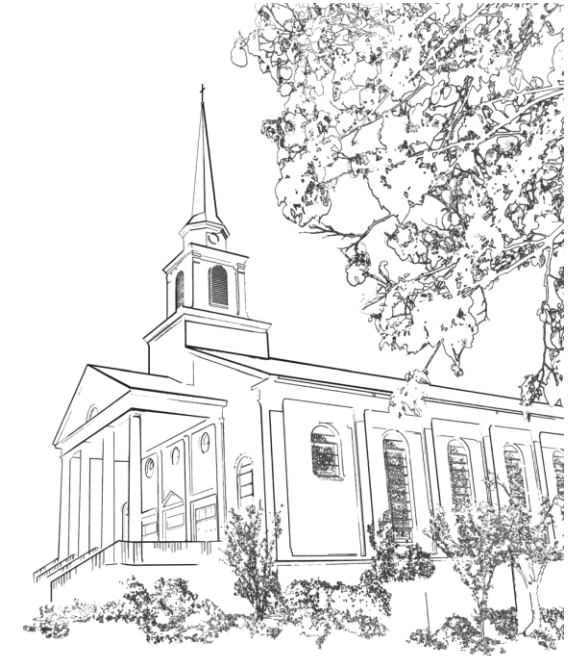
### Emergency Phone

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

April 18, 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**  
 April 18, 2021  
 Third Sunday of Easter

**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**      *Síoraí Áthas* (Eternal Joy)      Matthew Compton  
 Chancel Bells

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

**Welcome and Parish Concerns**

**\*Hymn**              *The Day of Resurrection*  
 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may rise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

**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**

**Children's Church**

(8:45 am - Children may leave for Children's Church ~ ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in room 214 of the Youth Wing. Please remember to attach a Children's Church sticker to your child. Stickers are located in the Narthex.)

**The Scripture Lesson**

John 10:11-18

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**              *Grazioso*              Arnold B. Sherman

Chancel Bells

**Sermon**              "Sheep and Shepherds"      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**      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still

**\*Blessing of the People**

**\*Postlude**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      arr. Joel Raney

**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 Sehr, 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 by Jim Emery in honor of Sandi Emery on her birthday.*

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**Ushers**

**8:45** ~ Team Leader: Billy Hay; Laurence Clair, Wayne Courtney, Stuart Courtney, Jack Cross, Steve Davis, Jim McElheny, Jonathan Patterson  
**10:30** ~ Team Leader: David Huffman; Marty Eubanks, Debra Towe, Bill Figard, Rick Yochim

**Audio/Video Support**

Technical Ministries Team

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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

*Gifts (\*Figures for April 11, 2021. These figures are unverified.)*

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 51,016.30
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	478,557.11
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	15,132.62

*Capital Campaign (Figures for April 11, 2021)*

*Capital Campaign Contributions .....	4,867.00
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date .....	32,915.04