

Psalm 23
("Lauda" translates to "Praise")

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, Lauda, lauda!
Through death's dark valleys, no fear will I know, Lauda, lauda!
My head is cover'd with the finest oil, my cup runneth over. Lauda, lauda!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow!
Green pastures, still waters, the Lord provides! Lauda, lauda!
My soul restores, my heart renews. Lauda, lauda!
The Lord prepares me a table, Lauda,
No fear have I from my foes.
The Lord anoints me, guards me, loves me.
The Lord provides me with a rod and staff, they comfort and guide me.
Lauda, lauda!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow!
And in the house of the Lord I will dwell forever,
And in the house of the Lord I will dwell forever. Lauda, lauda! Lauda!

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- 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).

Bridges Special Needs Ministry

The Bridges room is open for our precious special needs children during the 8:45 service each Sunday. This is a designated room that is specially equipped to help them learn about Jesus in a safe and loving environment. Bridges is looking for volunteers to help with this ministry in several ways. From Respite Nights, to Sunday morning, to VBS – many volunteers are needed to ensure that we are able to embrace and minister to children with special needs and their families. No special training or requirements are needed, just a desire to love and help these amazing children. If you would like to volunteer or get more information about Bridges, please contact Jen Horres at jbhorres@hotmail.com.

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.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday school starts May 23. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children back!

Tea Room-Save the Date!

Save the date for Bethany's Autumn Tea Room. October 25-29 & November 1-5.

Mission Trip to Mississippi

If you are interested in participating on a team to assist those impacted by the natural disasters or would like information on a summer mission trip, please reach out to Stephen Bishop at 843.696.6938 or f1skier@comcast.net. No experience is necessary!

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 – 2nd 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 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.

Youth Announcement

Youth Ascend meets every Sunday in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm and on Wednesday nights (wear sneakers and bring a water bottle) from 6-7:30 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.

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.

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 25, 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 25, 2021
 Fourth 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 *Sheep May Safely Graze* arr. Wayne Fritchie
 Regina Helcher Yost – Flute; Zac Hammond – Oboe;
 Michael López - Piano

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
 All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
 bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all. Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all. Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all. To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all. Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

Sacrament of Baptism (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 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth; and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet love he sought me; and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

The Scripture Lesson Psalm 23

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

Anthem *Psalm 23* Z. Randall Stroope

Women's Ensemble; Valerie Bullock – Conductor;
 Regina Helcher Yost – Flute; Zac Hammond - Oboe

Sermon "The One who Restores" Rev. Narcie Jeter

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** *When Morning Gilds the Sky*

When morning gilds the skies my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised! In heaven's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this th'eternal song through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised.

***Blessing of the People**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Tune* Christopher Tambling

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 Sehrt, 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 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 memory of Lynwood Locklair by his family.

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

Sacrament of Baptism

William McLeod Stasiukaitis will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:30 am worship service. William is the son of David Stasiukaitis and Amy Stasiukaitis. Grandparents are William and JoAnn Mixson of Lugoff, SC and Robert and Brenda Stasiukaitis of Summerville (Bethany UMC).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

*Gifts (*Figures for April 18, 2021. These figures are unverified.)*

*Budget Contributions.....	\$ 19,280.62
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....	497,837.73
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....	16,752.62

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 18, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions	1,835.44
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date	34,750.48