

Anthem...

How Can I Keep From Singing

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 and 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 heav'n 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?

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](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.

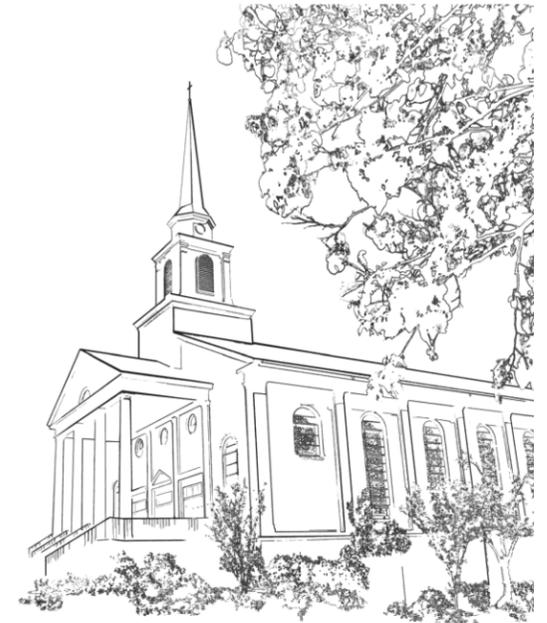
Emergency Phone

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

May 2, 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

May 2, 2021

Fifth 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

Reflection

Douglas Wagner

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

Welcome and Parish Concerns

*Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach of how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Sacrament of Baptism (10:30 am)

Commendation and Welcome

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God, through our savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Emory, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. One the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

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 My Life and Let It Be

(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.)

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

The Scripture Lesson

John 15:1-17

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

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arr. Mark Hayes

Chamber Singers; Conductor – Valerie Bullock

Sermon

"Chosen"

Rev. Mitch Houston

Service of Holy Communion

*Hymn of Dedication

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to bread oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end. The tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever; that name to us is love.

*Blessing of the People

*Postlude *Allegro Maestoso* from *Water Music* G. F. Handel

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

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 ~ Team Leader: Narvie Bilbray, Jr.; Jim Barrier, Dennis Bradshaw, Tom Thurman, Jody Dillard, Kevin Slack, Fenn Stallsmith, James Vinson, Matt Lazzaro, Bobby Long.

10:30 ~ Team Leader; Kerry Farmer; Hal Hess, Al Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Gillis McAllister, Mark Phillips, Joyce Stone, Roger McCants

Audio/Video Support

Technical Ministries Team

Sacrament of Baptism

Emory Alexandra Mendoza will receive the Sacrament of Baptism during the 10:30 am worship service. Emory is the daughter of Brandon and Kellie Mendoza. Grandparents are Kenneth and Dena Dalton of Columbia, SC and Augustine and Sandra Mendoza of Summerville.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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

Gifts (*Figures for April 25, 2021. These figures are unverified.)

*Budget Contributions.....	\$	20,593.37
*Budget Funds Contributed to Date.....		518,431.10
*Non-Budgeted Mission and Ministry Gifts to Date.....		17,112.62

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 25, 2021)

*Capital Campaign Contributions		2,500.51
*Total Campaign Gifts Year to Date		37,250.99