

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page.

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest today, please leave your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, please place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. If you want to be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home Next Sunday! Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and foster parents who walk with them each day to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry.

This Week

- **Today** – Book Study – Chapters 7 and 8 – “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White” at 10:00 am in the Upper Room.
- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at The Roasting Company located at 122 South Oakland Avenue.

Upcoming

- **5/12** – Epworth Mother’s Day Offering.
- **5/15** – Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 pm at Pier 51 at 3921 Mt Gallant Road.
- **5/22** – Church Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.

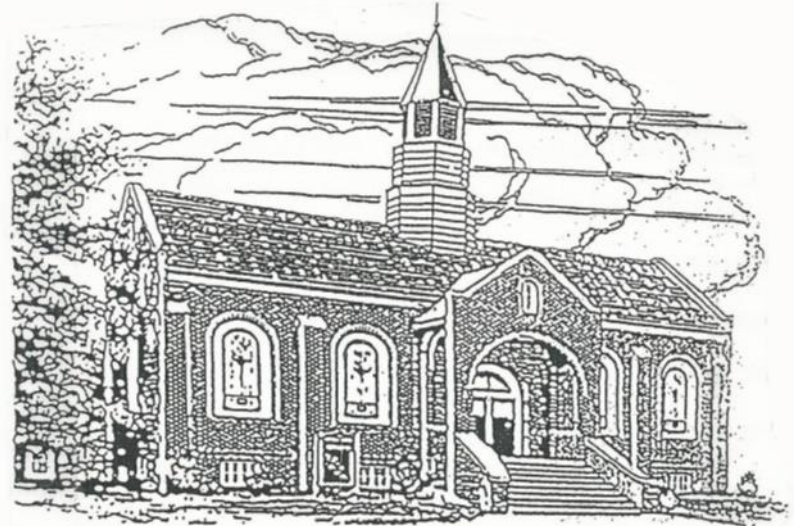
	May 5	May 12	May 19
Liturgist	Angie Price	Becky Drawdy	Cameron Pike
Children's Time	Marc Sutton	Melissa Buddin	Emily Sutton
Nursery	Chloe McNinch	Carrie Pike	Chloe McNinch
Counter	Becky Drawdy	Cindy Day	Darnelle Sweatt
Counter	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike	Margaret McCarter
Usher	Brantley McNinch	Cameron Pike	Cindy Day
Usher	Olivia Taylor	Richard Bickel	Richard Murr
Communion	Richard Murr	N/A	N/A

	April 28
In-person Attendance	35
Plate Budget Received	\$1,273.00

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

P: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

L: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

P: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

L: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

P: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

L: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

P: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

~ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.

OPENING PRAYER

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations. Some are burdened with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some are wearied from tasks of serving others; some are worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. This we pray in his name. Amen.

~ Written by Moira Laidlaw and posted on <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>.

*OPENING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH# 139

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

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.

On 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the

Resurrection of the body, and of life everlasting. AMEN

*RESPONSE *Gloria Patri* UMH #70

PROCLAMATION

HYMN

Where Children Belong

TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME

Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

Angie Price

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks, be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

10,000 Reasons

Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

Rev. Emily Sutton

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks, be to God.

SERMON

We Love One Another

Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers.

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 and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 95

THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE UMH #12

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE UMH #12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #13

*HYMN *Let Us Break Bread Together* UMH# 618

Eat This Bread UMH # 628

Fill My Cup, Lord UMH # 641

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Sofly and Tenderly* UMH# 348

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*