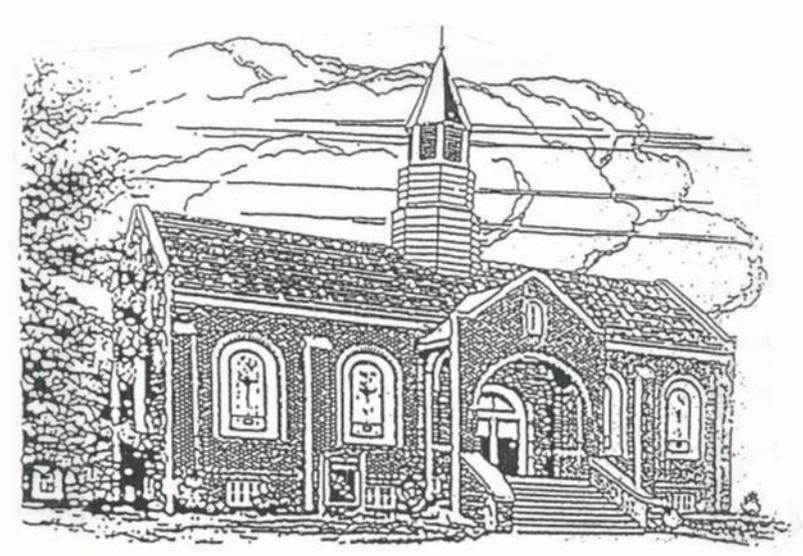


# Bethel United Methodist Church



**February 21, 2021**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
February 21, 2021

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: There are some journeys for which we long.

**P: But the journey to the cross looks as though it will be difficult.**

L: The way of discipleship and faith is difficult.

**P: We would prefer something easier. We are not ready for this trip.**

L: Put your hearts at ease. You are not traveling alone.

**P: Perhaps we can accomplish this trip. At least we will try the first step.**

OPENING PRAYER

We acknowledge you, O God, as creator and as liberator. You are the One who brought the captives out of Egypt and delivered them from the oppression of slavery. You gave laws which shaped how people were to relate to you, to each other and to the whole environment. You implored people to worship only you, knowing that whatever was put in your place would become the object of idolatry—would become the priority of people's lives. In this time of worship, help us to focus on you, O God, as the priority of our lives. Remind us of your steadfast love revealed so clearly in the new commandment of love which Jesus disclosed with his life and with his death. Speak to us anew as we offer this prayer and our worship in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online**. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Be Thou My Vision*

Chris Wade

\*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**

Pre-recorded and sung by Chris Wade

**PROCLAMATION**

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:13-15 and Jeremiah 2:5-13

SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Gift of Love*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-21

VIDEO

SERMON

*Yehweh: No Other Gods*

*Rev. Emily Sutton*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Chris Wade

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* THE POSTLUDE

### **Updates and Announcements**

**Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us this morning.**

#### **This Week**

**Monday** – Finance Meeting at 5:30pm via Zoom

Church Council Meeting at 7pm via Zoom

**Tuesday** – Prayer Meeting at 9:30 am via Zoom

Lenten Book Study - Words of Life at 7pm via Zoom

**Thursday** – My Grandmother's Hands Book Study at 7pm via Zoom

#### **Upcoming:**

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – Bethel UMC is participating in the statewide Souper Bowl of Caring event to raise 1 million dollars for soup kitchens and feeding ministries around SC during February. For every \$6 donated Eastminister Presbyterian in Columbia SC will match \$1. Please see the insert for more information. We hope you will consider making a donation for our Souper Bowl of Caring and all donations from Bethel UMC will go to Hope Food Pantry in Rock Hill.

**Lent Book Study of the 10 Commandments – Words of Life** - An Individual or Group Lenten Study will meet to discuss the Introduction and First Chapter via zoom at 7pm on Tuesday 2/23/2. If you do not already have your book you may buy it online or get one from the Bethel UMC Church Office – we have 3 left. A little about ***Words of Life*** written by Adam Hamilton: “Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of “thou-shalt-nots” found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. These ten ancient

“words” were given to us by a loving God who longed to set safe boundaries, create order out of chaos, help communities live peacefully, and protect us—often from ourselves.

In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.” He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.”

**Celebration of the Black Church District-wide Worship Service** – 2pm on Sunday February 28. Rev. Donald Love will be preaching. All are invited to attend the fully virtual worship service.



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