

Updates and Announcements

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

We are excited to have Stacey Newlon today to lead us in
Worship. Stacey will be leading us in worship through August 1. We are
so glad you are able to join us in our worship today!

This Week

Today – Happy July 4th! America's 245th Independence Day.

Upcoming

- Rev. Emily Sutton is on Sabbatical leave from June 8 – August 7, 2021.
- The Pastor on call 7/1/21-8/7/21 – Stacey Newlon (803-370-0962).
- BLT will meet on July 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. – Burgers and Barley, 111 Cherry Road, Rock Hill.

	<u>July 4, 2021</u>	<u>July 11, 2021</u>	<u>July 18, 2021</u>
Lay Liturgist	Ruth Culp	Darnelle Sweatt	Margaret McCarter
Counters	Sherl Drawdy Ruth Culp	Allyson Reid Darnelle Sweatt	Brian Drawdy Brantley McNinch
Children's Sermon	Ruth Culp	Melissa Buddin	Stacey Newlon

Volunteers Needed- Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes, Counters

We are working to add ushers, greeters, and acolytes back to our worship
service. If you or someone in your family would like to volunteer, please call or
email Becky at the church office.

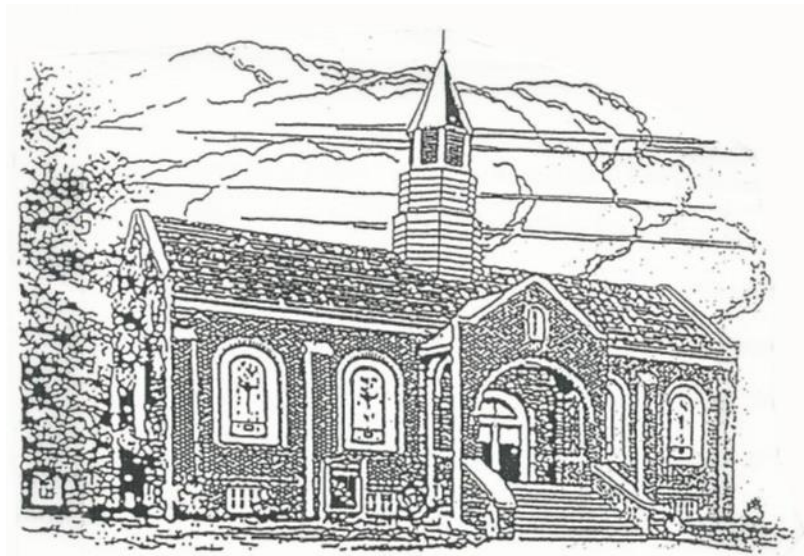
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us worship God and receive the teachings of Christ,

P: So that through the Holy Spirit we may be renewed and strengthened.

L and P: Sharing God's love with all the world.

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OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Written by Andy Langford, UM Book of Worship, 2011, page 442.)

HYMN *America*, verses 1 and 4 only UMH #697

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord! We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of [evil], And dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, We offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, We expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present [chaos], Will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

(Adapted for length. Posted on umdiscipleship.org, from "Our World Belongs to God," articles 1, 2, 6. Posted on the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship website.

Reposted: <https://renorship.blogspot.com/2011/05/affirmation-of-faith.html>.)

RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri*

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *This Is Where Children Belong* TFWs#2233

TIME WITH CHILDREN Ruth Culp

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 48:9-14 Ruth Culp

HYMN *Spirit of the Living God*, sung twice UMH #393

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, NRSV

SERMON Briar Patch Grace Stacey Newlon

RESPONSE

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.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *Sanctuary*, sung twice TFWA#2146

*THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

* As you are able, please stand for these parts of the liturgy.