

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or bethelrockhill@gmail.com

Next Sunday we celebrate our mothers and Epworth. Most of the children served by Epworth will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff or foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. The Mother's Day offering is our opportunity to partner with Epworth to improve the lives of the children and families they serve.

Graduation Sunday is May 24th. Please call or email the church office if you have a participating graduate so we can celebrate them.

This Week

- **Today** – Children's Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Wedding Shower for Michaela Sanford and Aaron Sandlin immediately following worship.
- **Wednesday** – 'Taize' Worship Service - 7 pm at The Mercantile, 153 E. White St.
- **Friday** – Northside Elementary School Teacher Appreciation Event.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9:00 am.

Upcoming

- 5/13 – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at Flipside Restaurant.

	05/03/26	05/10/26	05/17/26
Liturgist	Richard Bickel	Sherri Pankratz	Isabella Sutton
Children's Time	Cynthia Bickel	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
Nursery	Allyson Reid	Michaela Sanford	Marc Sutton
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid
Counter	Debbie Harris	Sherl Drawdy	Will Shelton
Usher	Debbie Harris	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid
Usher	Tim Smith	Sherl Drawdy	Will Shelton
Communion	Cynthia Bickel	N/A	N/A

	Month of March	March to Date
Tithes and Offerings	\$11,982.43	\$27,151.43
Expenses	<u>(12,267.04)</u>	<u>(34,390.81)</u>
Increase / (Decrease)	<u>(\$284.61)</u>	<u>(\$7,239.38)</u>
	April 26	
In-person Attendance	28	
Plate Budget Received	\$369.00	

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May 3, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 3, 2026

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

QUARTERLY REPORT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Savior who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

P: We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

~Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.

OPENING PRAYER

We worship you, O God, with joyful noise—with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person. You put new words in our mouths and new intentions in our hearts. As we gather today, help us to be reminded that we are called to serve joyfully and love boldly as your disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Adapted from Moira Laidlaw, via Liturgies Online; re-posted on re:Worship (2011).

*OPENING HYMN *To God Be the Glory* UMH# 98

*APOSTLES' CREED UMH# 881

**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.**

RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri* UMH# 70

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *This is Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Cynthia Bickel

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 100* Richard Bickel

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 4:8-11* Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON *Serve Joyfully* Rev. Emily Sutton

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 *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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH# 13

*HYMN *God Is So Good
We Are Marching
Jesus, Jesus,* TFWS# 2056
TFWS# 2235-b
UMH# 432

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Here I Am, Lord* UMH# 593

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*