

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.*

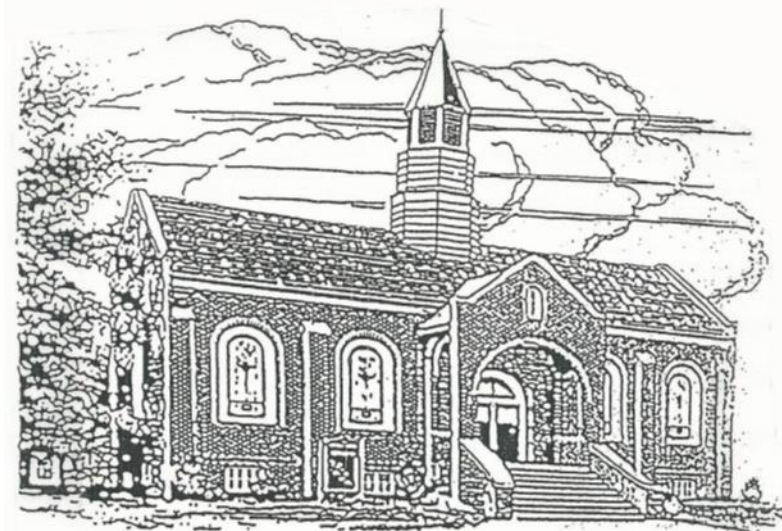
This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** – Bible Study - “Why” - 10:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday** – Fellowship Dinner at Little Café at 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** - Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

Upcoming

- **March 22** – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Upper Room.
- **March 23** – Last Thursday of Soup Kitchen – 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.
- **April 7** – Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.
- **April 8** – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **April 9** – Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. Fellowship breakfast following the service.

Through a day of Thinking Outside the Box - C3 Workshops (Converse, Connect, Collaborate), the Rock Hill Committee of Connectional Ministries hopes to allow churches to share their favorite ministry taking place at their church and have a chance to connect and have conversations with churches of all sizes about what is working and helping to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! This workshop will take place at Mt. Holly UMC - 1996 Mt. Holly Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730 from 9 am – 12 pm on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Registration is online only. Please see the BUMC website for more details.



	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
Liturgist	Isabella Sutton	Darnelle Sweatt	Becky Drawdy
Children’s Time	Olivia Taylor	Rev. Emily Sutton	Marc Sutton
Counters	Alyson Reid	Darnelle Sweatt	Becky Drawdy
	Darnelle Sweatt	Sherl Drawdy	Regina White
Ushers	Daryl Dornbush	Sherl Drawdy	Donna Hatfield
	Bud Smith	Corbin Drawdy	Daryl Dornbush
Communion			

Giving and Attendance	Feb 26	Feb	Mar 5
Plate - Budget Received	\$1,363.00		\$725.00
In Person Attendance	38		25
Monthly Online Giving		\$4,557.90	

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March 12, 2023

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| Pianist | Dena Wade |
| Administrative Assistant | Becky Moon |
| Music Leader | Chris Wade |
| Pastor | Emily Sutton |

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2023

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

People: We are learning to follow Jesus.

Leader: For those who feel Christ near,

People: May we not turn away from the discomfort of the journey ahead.

Leader: For those who feel as far from Christ as the desert is from the ocean,

People: May we find Christ in the wilderness with us.

Leader: For all of us who stumble and fall in our silence, indifference, and lack of generosity,

People: May we reach for the hand of Christ, who raises us up to continue on the journey.

Leader: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

People: We come to worship God during this holy season of Lent!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Director of Worship Arts, August 2022.

*OPENING HYMN *Seek Ye First* UMH# 405

THE CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalms 22:1-18, 25-31* UMH# 752-753

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are dry, Lord, like the pavement on a sweltering summer day. Our lives are heated, and the streams of our souls sometimes run dry. We catch our tears, but they cannot ease our thirst. We drip in sweat, but this cannot ease the heat. So we beg for only a few drops of refreshing rain to moisten the dryness in our world.

~ A moment of Silent Confession is observed ~

ASSURANCE AND PARDON

God's promise is greater than rain or streams. God promises a Savior sent to redeem and fill us with water eternally. Living in the will of God, we live without thirst anymore. Amen.

Ciona D. Rouse, The Africana Worship Book, Year A, edited by Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 141 and 154.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And also with you

All may exchange signs of God's peace with one another by exchanging "Peace be with you."

*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 *This is Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Olivia Taylor

SCRIPTURE *Luke 11:1-4* Isabella Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Luke 22:39-46* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SERMON *Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH# 382

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH# 38

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 UMH# 95

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *Just As I Am* UMH# 357

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able.*