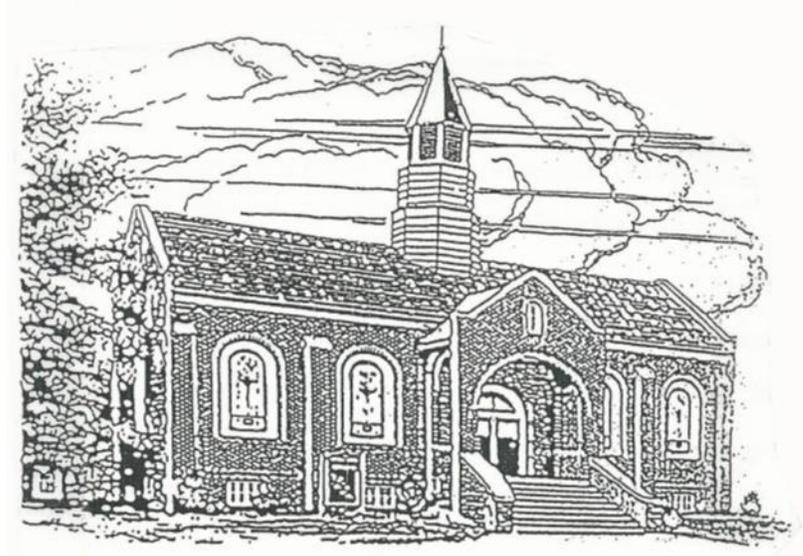


# Bethel United Methodist Church



**January 31, 2021**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**January 31, 2021**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us praise the Lord!

**P: We praise God with our whole heart!**

L: God's works are great!

**P: Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!**

L: Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

**P: May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness.  
AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*How Firm a Foundation*

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

Isaiah 52:7-10

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 3

SERMON

*No Longer My Own*

*Rev. Emily Sutton*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Morning has Broken*

Chris Wade

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

*Pass It On*

Chris Wade

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* THE POSTLUDE

### **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.**

#### **This Week**

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

**Wednesday** – Wesley Prayer Challenge Study begins 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 Eastminster 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.

**Wesley Prayer Challenge** - An Individual or Group 3 week Study that will begin on January 27! The Wesley Covenant Prayer has been used in Methodist services around the world on the first Sunday of the year since John Wesley introduced it in 1755. Wesley expected that people would pray this prayer as a way of remembering, renewing, and surrendering themselves in complete trust to God. When we pray it, we are to remember what living like Jesus looks like and what loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves requires of us. In *The Wesley Prayer Challenge*, author Chris Folmsbee invites readers to consider words from the Wesley Covenant Prayer each day for three weeks while reflecting on their meaning in the context of the larger piece. Each day's reading will include scripture, prayer, and a challenge for daily life. Books are available in the Bethel UMC Church office.

**Lent Book Study of the 10 Commandments – Words of Life** - An Individual or Group Lenten Study beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>. Buy your books online or get one from the Bethel UMC Church Office. 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.”



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