

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

- No events are scheduled for this week.

Upcoming

- **Sunday, September 5th** - Annual Workday offering for Epworth Children's Home.

Next Sunday is the annual Workday offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

	September 5	September 12	September 19
Lay Liturgist	Darnelle Sweatt	Margaret McCarter	Cindy Day
Counters	Allyson Reid	Brian Drawdy	Becky Drawdy
	Darnelle Sweatt	Brantley McNinch	Jaye Grayson
Children's Sermon	Marc Sutton	Olivia Taylor	Richard Murr

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.

****GIVING AND ATTENDANCE - 08/29/21**

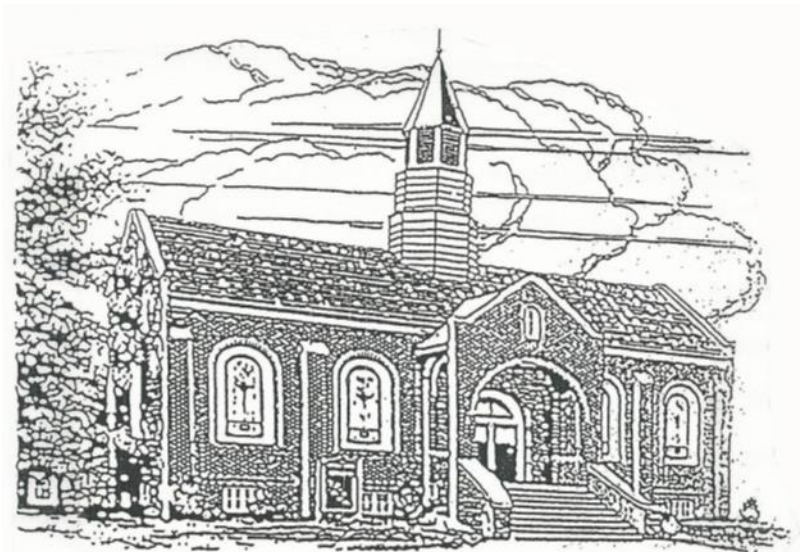
Plate - Budget Received \$1,320.00

In Person Attendance – 33

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 5, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We can trust God.

P: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

L: God loves all the people:

P: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

L: We can depend on God.

P: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick, and restores relationships.

L: Praise our Loving God.

P: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

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OPENING PRAYER

God of the mountain and the valley, we gather in worship of you today. We gather having had distinct experiences this week – good and bad moments. As we pause for this hour remind us that you that we can always depend on you to welcome us, gather us together and help us to live in right relationship with you and one another. Change our hearts oh God so we may be restored to a right relationship with you and one another. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord we pray. Amen.

~ Written by Rev. Emily Sutton

HYMN *Father I Adore You* TFWS #2038

*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*

PROCLAMATION

HYMN *This Is Where Children Belong* FWS#2233

TIME WITH CHILDREN Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Darnelle Sweatt

HYMN *Trust and Obey* UMH #467

SCRIPTURE READING James 2:1-17 Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON *Making Distinctions* 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

THE EUCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE UMH# 12

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH# 12

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

HYMN *I Surrender All* UMH #354

*THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

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