

## 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.

New Member - Welcome Connie Cochran to our church family!

## This Week

**Monday** - Church Council Meeting at 6:00 pm via zoom

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

Lenten Book Study - *Words of Life* at 7pm via Zoom

## Upcoming

**DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT SUNDAY!** Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY MAY 16TH**

We look forward to celebrating our Bethel UMC graduates on Sunday May 16th. We would love to have each graduate submit a picture that we will use to celebrate them during worship. Please send your pictures by text or email to Rev. Emily (803-554-2298 or [emilyscalessutton@gmail.com](mailto:emilyscalessutton@gmail.com)) prior to May 10th. We look forward to celebrating our graduates on Sunday May 16th!

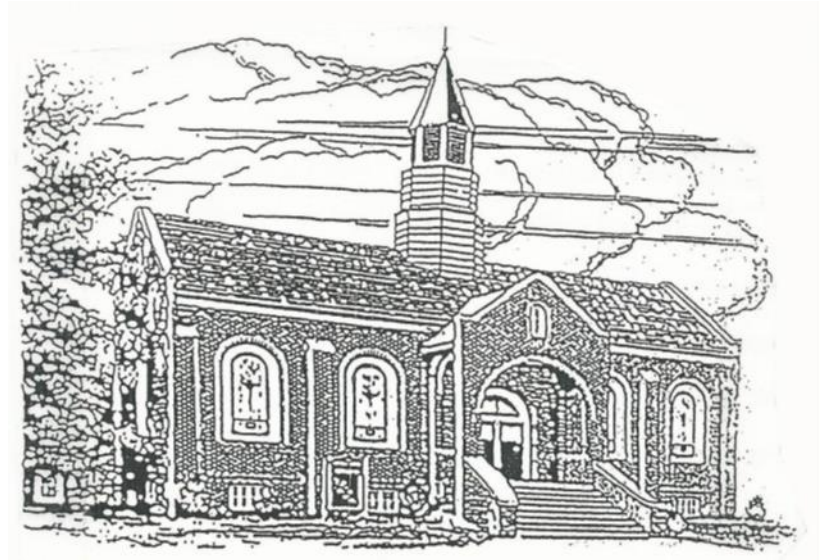
## **LAY READERS**

Would you be willing to read scripture in worship on Sunday mornings? If so please contact the church office or email Becky at [bethelrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com).



Scan QR code to give electronically.

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**May 2, 2021**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 2, 2021

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather together today in the name of Christ Jesus,

**P: We gather in the Presence of an awesome, Holy, and Loving God.**

L: We gather to repent and return to our Creator who has redeemed us.

**P: We have not kept a tight rein on our tongues, we have far too often given false witness to the truth and have fallen short of your Glory.**

L: A person without God is like a feather in a perpetual wind, blown all over the place without any control or choice in where to rest.

**P: O come, let us return to the living God, let us repent and bow before the One who is our Maker.**

Adapted from Bruce Prewer - <http://www.bruceprewer.com/DocC/C56sun27.htm>

OPENING PRAYER

O God, You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns. Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through. Amen

— posted by Teri on the RevGalBlogPals A Place for Prayer blog. <http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/>

HYMN *Savior, Like Shephard Lead Us* UMH #381

\*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* TWS#2233

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:59-61 and James 1:26 *Ruth Culp*

SPECIAL MUSIC *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH# 382

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 20:1-21

SERMON *Honesty: You Must Not Bear False Witness* *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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER UMH# 38

### 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 *One Bread, One Body* UMH# 620

\*THE BENEDICTION

\* THE POSTLUDE

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