

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.

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest today, please leave your contact information so that we can extend a fuller welcome!

This Week

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. in the upstairs classroom.
- **Today** –Small Group Study Beginning at 10:15 a.m. – *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available in the vestibule.
- **Wednesday** – BLT – 11:30 a.m. – The Flipside restaurant
- **Saturday** – AV Training – 9:00 a.m.
- **Saturday** – Bethel UMC workday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Saturday** – VBS meeting 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming

- **May 14** – Epworth Mother’s Day Offering
- **May 17** – Fellowship Dinner – Little Café at 5:30 p.m.
- **May 24** – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Upper Room

DON’T FORGET NEXT SUNDAY IS EPWORTH’S ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY

OFFERING! 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 served by Epworth Children’s Home will not be celebrating Mother’s Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents 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.

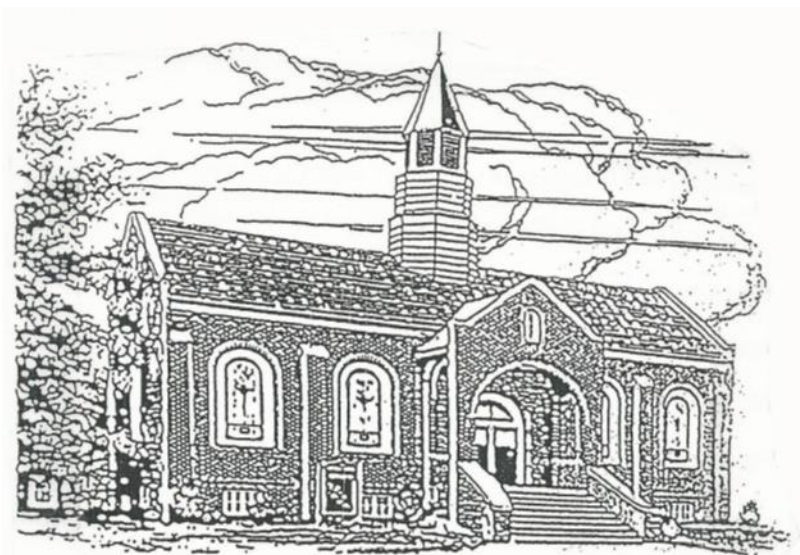
| | May 7 | May 14 | May 21 |
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| Liturgist | Isabella Sutton | Michaela Sanford | Becky Drawdy |
| Children’s Time | Emily Sutton | Marc Sutton | Olivia Taylor |
| Counters | Allyson Reid | Brantley McNinch | Becky Drawdy |
| | Margaret McCarter | Mallory Jacobs | Margaret McCarter |
| Ushers | Donna Hatfield | Bud Smith | Cameron Pike |
| | Cindy Day | Chloe McNinch | Cindy Day |
| Communion | Margaret McCarter | | |

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| Giving and Attendance | April 30 |
| Plate Budget Received | \$724.00 |
| Budget Online for the Month | \$5,885.00 |
| In-person attendance | 36 |

Scan the QR code to give electronically.



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May 7, 2023

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 7, 2023

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is our refuge.

P: We can find peace in God's abiding love.

L: When troubles assail us, we call upon the Lord.

P: When joys abound, we call upon the Lord.

L: Welcome this day to God's house, one of many dwellings of the Almighty One.

P: We thank you and praise God for his refuge and sanctuary. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of love, you have called us together this day. Help us to appreciate all that you have given to us, to cherish our families and our friends, to seek your hope and peace throughout all our lives. AMEN.

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OPENING HYMN *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* TFWS# 2088

*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 Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16* Isabella Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *How Great Thou Art* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 2:2-10* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, Be to God

SERMON *Like Living Stones* 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, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY UMH #95

EUCCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION UMH #12

CONFESSION AND PARDON UMH #12

GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #13

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

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

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as you are able*