

Updates and Announcements

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on our Facebook page.

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 we can extend a fuller welcome! If you have a prayer request, please place a prayer card in the offering plate or contact the church office. Prayer requests will remain on the weekly emailed prayer list for 3 weeks. If you want to be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, please contact the church office at bethelrockhill@gmail.com or 803.327.4881.

This Week

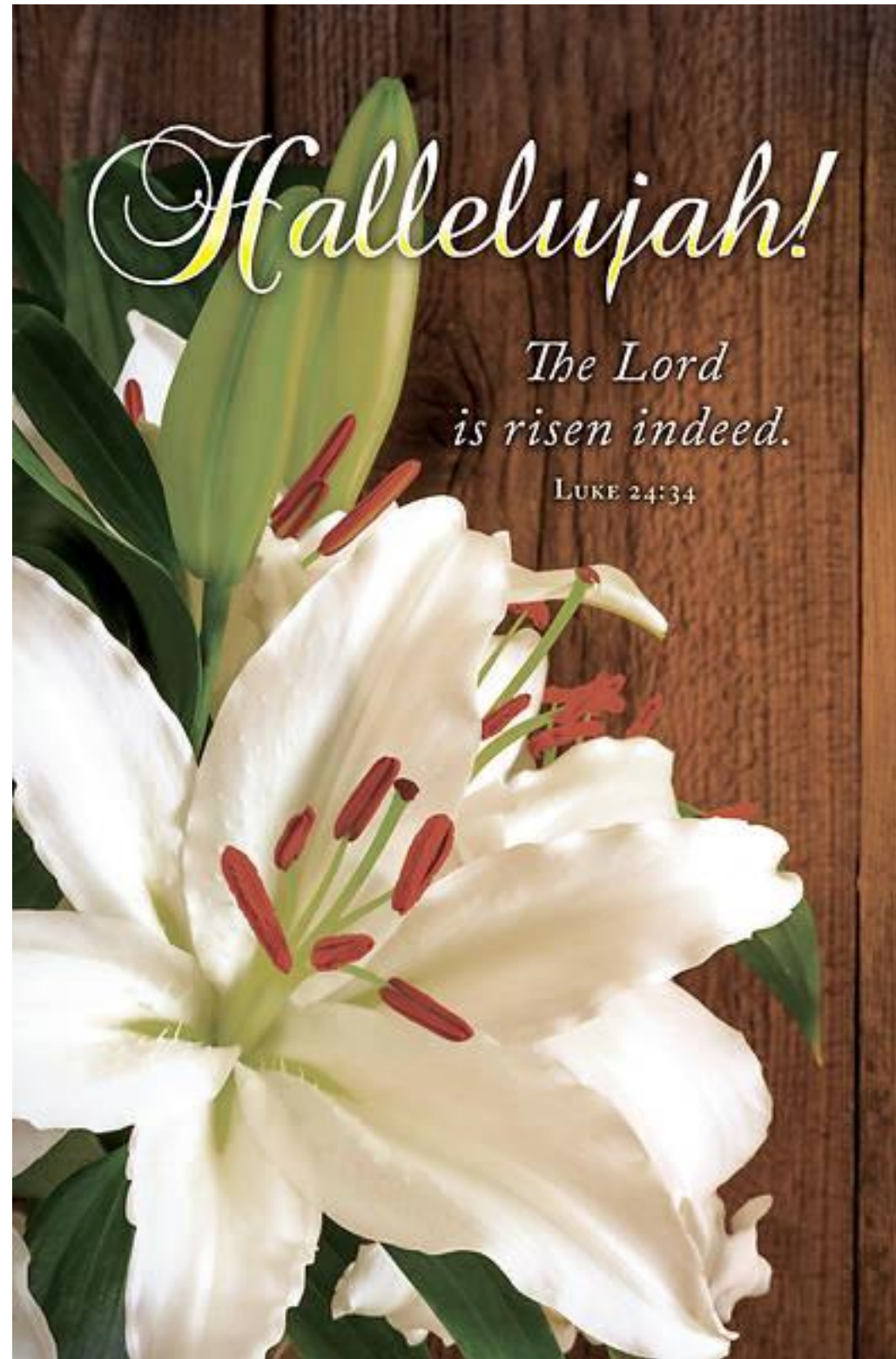
- **Today** - Sunrise Service at 7 am with breakfast to follow.
- **Today** – There will be no Sunday School today.
- **Monday, April 1 – Sunday, April 7** - Rev. Sutton will be on vacation. The pastor on call will be Rev. Michael Jarrell. He may be reached at (859) 475-8800 or via email at lmjarrell@umcsc.org. Will Shelton will be delivering the message on Sunday, April 7. The church office will be closed during this week as the Church Administrative Assistant will be out of town as well.

Upcoming

- **4/10** - BLT at 11:30 am at Friendly Billiards on 1037 Camden Avenue.
- **4/11 - 4/13** – Rev. Sutton will be away from the office. Rev. Steve Holler, pastor of Aldersgate UMC will be the on-call pastor and may be reached at 865-431-4993.

	March 31	April 7	April 14
Liturgist	Cindy Day	Richard Murr	Ruth Culp
Children's Time	Rev. Emily Sutton	Melissa Buddin	Olivia Taylor
Nursery	Melissa Buddin	Olivia Taylor	Brantley McNinch
Counter	Sherl Drawdy	Ruth Culp	Olivia Taylor
Counter	Cameron Pike	Brantley McNinch	Cindy Day
Usher	Chloe McNinch	Cindy Day	Scott Pike
Usher	Olivia Taylor	Richard Bickel	Richard Murr
Communion	Cameron Pike	N/A	N/A

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024

GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

EASTER PROCLAMATION

L: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen, indeed.

L: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen, indeed.

L: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always. Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER

O God of Easter joy, we come this morning with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. May this time of worship help us to truly and fully experience the Risen Christ. May we be transformed with messages of beauty, hope and life. Amen.

~Written by Rev. Dr. Joanne Carlson Brown and published on www.ministrymatters.com

*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* UMH #302

*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 *Isaiah 25:1-9* Cindy Day

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Because He Lives* Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *Mark 16:1-8* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

P: Thanks, be to God.

SERMON *Easter is Here* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH# 95

EUCCHARISTIC FEAST

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION *See Insert*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE *See Insert*

GREAT THANKSGIVING *See Insert*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH# 298

Beneath the Cross of Jesus UMH# 297

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *He Lives* UMH #310

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*