

**Updates and Announcements**

Thank you for worshipping with us at Bethel United Methodist Church! Our worship service is broadcast via live stream on Facebook and YouTube. Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a guest, please list your contact information so we can extend a fuller welcome! To be added to the Bethel UMC Weekly Emails, contact the church office at 803.327.4881 or [bethelrockhill@gmail.com](mailto:bethelrockhill@gmail.com)

*Please welcome Jennifer Langford! She is our guest pianist today.*

**Bethel UMC Meal Kits** - This week, please bring **Canned Mushrooms**. Next week (6/7), please bring shelf-stable **Parmesan Cheese**.

**This Week**

- **Today** – Children’s Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- **Today** – Usher/Greeter/Safe Sanctuary Training immediately following worship.
- **Wednesday** – Taizé Service at 7 pm at The Mercantile.
- **Every Wednesday** – AA Meeting in the church library from 7-8 pm.
- **Every Saturday** – AA New Beginnings Group in the church library at 9:00 am.

**Upcoming**

- **6/7-10** – SCUMC Annual Conference. Join us on 6/9 for the Rise for Hunger Meal Packaging Event at the Greenville Convention Center from 12-7:30 pm.
- **6/14** – Youth Sunday School at 10:00 am and lunch at Junior Varsity.
- **6/14** – Bethel UMC Youth to serve at Plentiful Harvest from 2-6 p.m.
- **6/14** – Church Fellowship gathering at Winthrop Wesley at 6:30 pm with hot dogs, pie, and the movie “The Sandlot.”

	<b>05/31/26</b>	<b>06/07/26</b>	<b>06/14/26</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Allie Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton
<b>Children’s Time</b>	Emily Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton
<b>Nursery</b>	Michaela Sanford	Allyson Reid	Allyson Reid
<b>Counter</b>	Chad Williams	Tom Craig	Michaela Sanford
<b>Counter</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Debbie Harris	Chad Williams
<b>Usher</b>	Chad Williams	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford
<b>Usher</b>	Sherri Pankratz	Tom Craig	Chad Williams
<b>Communion</b>	N/A	Sherri Pankratz	N/A

	<b>Month of April</b>	<b>April to Date</b>
<b>Tithes and Offerings</b>	\$6,174.00	\$36,023.43
<b>Expenses</b>	<u>(12,159.98)</u>	<u>(49,274.20)</u>
<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>	<u>(\$5,985.98)</u>	<u>(\$13,250.77)</u>

	<b>May 24</b>
<b>In-person Attendance</b>	31
<b>Plate Budget Received</b>	\$1,468.45

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# Bethel United Methodist Church



**May 31, 2026**

*Knowing, Loving, Serving God*

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**Dena Wade**  
**Becky Moon**  
**Chris Wade**  
**Rev. Emily Sutton**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 31, 2026

### GATHERING

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this Trinity Sunday, we come to praise the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**P: We praise God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

L: We come to wade into the depths of the divine mystery of God, the One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

**P: We seek an ever-deepening faith in God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

L: We come to witness the interconnectedness of the Triune God, to marvel at the divine dance of partnership and cooperation.

**P: We receive the invitation to join the divine dance.**

L: Come, let us worship the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

**P: Come, let us worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains all creation!**

~Adapted from the Call to Worship written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, December 2025.

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Out of our ordinary, everyday lives, you have gathered us here, Holy God, to this time of worship, to this time of praise. We join with angels and archangels and all the company of the saints to bless you, to listen for your Word, to immerse ourselves in your grace, in your love. Open our hearts and our minds to your presence with us...Awaken us to your Holy Spirit who is making all things new, even us. We ask in Jesus' name, who sends us out to speak love and mercy and grace to those who are waiting, longing, hoping, for a sign that they are not alone, that you are a God of love, that you are a Saviour who knows their name, that the Holy Spirit is leading them home. Amen.**

~Adapted from Christine Jerrett, <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>.

\*OPENING HYMN *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* UMH# 334

\*APOSTLES' CREED UMH# 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And 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, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

RESPONSE: *Gloria Patri* UMH# 70

### PROCLAMATION

HYMN *This is Where Children Belong* TFWS# 2233

CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Emily Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 8* Allie Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 1:1 - 2:4* Rev. Emily Sutton

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

**P: Thanks, Be to God. Amen.**

SERMON *Partnership in Creation* Rev. Emily Sutton

### RESPONSE

\*HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* UMH# 393

#### 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

### SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH# 77

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Please stand as you are able.*