

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

This Week

- **Today** – Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. Fellowship breakfast following the service.
- **Today** – Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion at 11:00 am.
- **Today** – Plentiful Harvest Kitchen Meal from 2-6 pm.
- **Monday through Sunday** – Rev. Sutton will be on vacation and the church office will be closed all week. Rev. Cam Treece, the pastor at St John’s UMC, will be on call and may be reached at (864) 593-0235
- **Wednesday** – BLT will meet at 11:30 am at the LongHorn Steakhouse, 2255 Cross Pointe Drive.
- **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

- **April 12** – Bethel Youth from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- **April 14** – Rev. Sutton will be attending Clergy Cohort and will be out of the office.
- **April 18** – Christian Book Event from 10-12 at the Fort Mill Public Library.

	04/05/26	04/12/26	04/19/26
Liturgist	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton	Gabrial Wade
Children’s Time	Marc Sutton	Michaela Sanford	Will Shelton
Nursery	Lisa Bobak	Michaela Sanford	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Margaret McCarter	Debbie Harris	Michaela Sanford
Counter	Allyson Reid	Tom Craig	Donna Hatfield
Usher	Allyson Reid	Tom Craig	Michaela Sanford
Usher	Tom Craig	Debbie Harris	Donna Hatfield
Communion	Malynda Williams	N/A	N/A

	Month of March	March to Date
Tithes and Offerings	\$11,982.43	\$ 27,151.43
Expenses	<u>(12,267.04)</u>	<u>(34,390.81)</u>
	<u>\$ 284.61</u>	<u>\$ (7,239.38)****</u>

	March 29
In-person Attendance	38
Plate Budget Received	\$3,718.00

***Please note this amount is incorrectly reported as (\$6,979.77) in the printed version of the April 5 Order of Worship

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“He is not here; he has risen!” Luke 24:6

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 5, 2026

GATHERING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lift High the Cross* UMH #159

WORDS OF WELCOME

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER

Dear God, this past week has been one of mixed emotions; of faith struggling to understand. We have greeted you with palm branches; we have sat at table with you to share a farewell meal. We have witnessed your death on a simple wooden cross. Yet on the third day, you come to us again in victory. By this, we know that death is not the final word. As the sun boldly rises to meet a new day, rise in our lives this Easter morning, for you are our hope, our life, and our joy. We have come to celebrate, help us encounter you, the Risen Christ, here in our midst this Easter Day! Amen!

*Adapted from the prayer written by Karen C.H. Sorenson, **Flames of the Spirit**, Ruth Duck, Ed, (Pilgrim Press, 1985), 41.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

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

*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 Marc Sutton

SCRIPTURE *Acts 10:34-43* Michaela Sanford

SPECIAL MUSIC Chris Wade

SCRIPTURE *John 20:1-18* Rev. Emily Sutton

SERMON *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Rev. Emily Sutton

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Thine Be the Glory* UMH #308

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 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

COMMUNION HYMNS

The Old Rugged Cross UMH# 504

In the Garden UMH# 314

Crown Him with Many Crowns UMH# 327

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN *He Lives* UMH #310

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand as you are able.*