

May 4, 2014

11:00 A.M

*The Color is White, symbolizing the purity, holiness, and virtue of Jesus, as well as respect and reverence for our Savior and risen King, Christ the Lord!*

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** "Allegro—Moderato" Walczynski

**\*Choral Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Ein' Feste Burg

**\*Congregational Prayer**

God, we come with distracted hearts and busy minds. We are not fully present. Take away our anxiety, our fear and our doubts. Help us to lay them at your feet so that we may focus solely on you. You deserve our worship; so let nothing keep us from giving you all that we have today. This day is about you, and for you. Guide us as we worship now in Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God, whose love for us never lets us go.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, whose life of love we strive to follow.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, who makes God's love known to us.  
We believe in the church, where we gather to pray, to praise, to serve ... and to try again.  
We believe in the grace of God, which enables us to be a people of hope, joy, service and love. Amen.

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**Anthem**

"Blessed Assurance"

Hughes

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Pastoral Prayer and The 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. Amen.

**Welcome!** We are especially glad to have our visitors and guests worshipping with us today. Your presence with us is a blessing! Please be sure to let us know who you are by registering your attendance on the yellow card located in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate. Visitors, be sure to pick up our informational pamphlet (also from the pew rack).  
**A New Member Orientation/Inquirer's Class** is held the 4th Sunday of each month in the minister's office next to the Sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. The next class will be **May 25, 2014**. This class gives visitors a chance to ask questions and receive information about Bethel UMC. Those ready to join will be scheduled the first Sunday of the following month. Alternate times may be arranged by contacting Rev. Davis at 787-3058 or todd@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com.

**For Your Convenience...** A Nursery for Infants thru 3 yr. olds is available in Rm. #108 of the Education Bldg. If children are joining you in worship "Fun Bags" are located in the Narthex. A "Cry Room" with toys/rocking chairs/changing table and full view/sound of worship is also located just off the Narthex.

**We particularly thank our Handbell Choir** for enriching our worship experience today. This is their last performance before enjoying a summer break. They will resume regular rehearsals in late summer/early fall.

**Flamingos still on the loose!** Spotted any flamingos in your area?! Contact Lucy Kelly at 803.760.6268 or email gorillajc@yahoo.com or you may call the church office to find out how you can support a great cause and give your neighbor a laugh. All proceeds benefit Bethel Youth's Cystic Fibrosis Walk Team, "Noah's Ark".

**Looking for a place to connect?!** Journey 101 is a new short-term study meeting during the SS hour on the 2nd floor Ed. Bldg. (last room on the right). Come and check it out! All are welcome.

**Game Night!** The kids had so much fun playing *Minute to Win It*, the adults wanted to play too! Young Adults are hosting an adults only evening—on Friday, May 9th from 7-9 in the PAB. Bring a snack and 2 liter to share and be ready for lots of laughs and great fellowship.

**Mother-Daughter Tea, Saturday, May 10th @ 9-11 am.** Frances Jones, author of "Cricket's Curls" will be here for a book reading, and books will be available for sale. Refreshments will be served. Entry is a new or gently-loved book for the Million Book Drive. Invite a friend!

**Don't forget your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home next Sunday!** Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call our mothers and maybe even take them out for lunch. Most of the more than 75 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. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces, welcome, loves and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth Home.

**HOW CAN THE BOOK OF REVELATION BE OF HELP TO ME IN THE EVERYDAY NEEDS IN MY LIFE TODAY?** Are there such questions as this regarding the biblical Book of Revelation which disturb **you**? Help is at hand! Our Pastor, Todd Davis, has graciously responded to our invitation to address all who gather NEXT **Sunday, May 11, 5-6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.** This will be a very informal gathering (no refreshments provided) and Todd will respond to any and every question asked during that hour and a half. **What a treat!** As far as time permits, Todd will include information about other aspects in Revelation which may not be covered in all the questions. Come and bring a friend! Reading the final 3 chapters (20-22) ahead of time will be helpful!

**Preschool Summer Camp Program begins June 3** and runs thru July 24 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 9 am-1pm. Check the newsletter for details!

**Volunteers are needed** to remove the lid from the Narthex table after church today, & to replace the lid next Sunday. Thank You!

*Serving the Congregation Today*



**Church Nursery Monitor\* w/Verta:** Debbie Farmer

**Greeters:** Linda & William Stewart, Marion Wilson

**Acolyte:** Christopher Walker

**Children's Moment:** Marian Scullion

**Children's Church Leader/Monitor\*:** Martie Walker/Louise Smith

**Head Usher:** Tom Elliott

**Ushers:** Dave Barnes, John Scullion, Mike Hellams, Sid George

**Offering Counters:** Lisa Wood, Kimberly Wilson

**Sanctuary Preparers:** Debbie Carter, Linda Howell

\* Indicates Safe Sanctuary monitors.

**Presence April 27th Church School 70; Reach! 47; Traditional 102  
May God bless you for your support of Bethel's ministries!**

Budget	391,390.50	<b>Income (YTD)</b>	<b>121,734.36</b>
Needed Weekly	7,526.74	<b>Expenses (YTD)</b>	<b>116,330.48</b>
Received (4/27)	3,913.36	<b>Difference</b>	<b>5,403.88</b>
Needed to Date	127,964.58		
Received to Date	121,734.36		
Difference	-6,230.22		

**Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Bethel member, Allison Marie Rogers, who will be graduating from The College of Charleston on May 10th with a degree in Public Health. Allison is the daughter of Diane Porter and granddaughter of Furman and Nell Porter.**

**Sunday, May 18th is Youth Sunday** at Bethel. Join our Youth as they lead our 11:00 worship hour. A covered dish lunch in honor of our graduating seniors will follow in the PAB. Dessert & drinks provided—please bring your dish to share.

**Todd Lutz Scholarship.** Graduating seniors that are active members of BUMC are invited to apply for this scholarship. Applications must be received in the church office by June 1st. Contact Michelle in the church office with questions.

**Wear your Bethel shirt on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.** Red golf shirts and t-shirts are being offered for pre-purchase until May 4th. These will be high quality shirts with our new logo design and available for pick up June 1st. You may find order forms on the office hallway table and in the narthex.

**Cookbooks!** If you requested/paid for a cookbook in the fall please get in touch with Bonnie Lutz (738-1574 or email at [bonnie9866@att.net](mailto:bonnie9866@att.net)) ASAP so we can reserve your book. If you respond by email, please be sure you mention ordering one back in the fall and if you prepaid. We will be making copies of the cookbook May 6th so will have them ready as a Mother's Day gift. Pricing is \$25/book. All proceeds go to Todd Lutz Scholarship Fund.

**Share Your Passion—A Thousand Journeys With A Book.** If you would like to make a monetary donation to this effort, please make your check payable to Bethel UMC and mark the "for" line "million book effort". Thanks for helping kids across the state have a book of their own!

**Hearing Impaired Devices** are available in the Narthex. An Usher will be happy to assist you.

**KONGA (Kids.Only.No.Grownups.Allowed)** - Friday, May 30th 6-8 pm in the PAB. Makes plans to "Get SOAKED in God's Love!" as we head into summer. Kiddos pre-K & up. \$3.00 per child. Scholarships are available.

## Prayer of Dedication

Good and generous God, we pray that your life would so overflow in us that our neighbors both near and far would be fed by your Spirit. Use the offerings of our resources and our lives to proclaim the gospel, to spread your love and to bring forth your kingdom. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

## Offertory

*"Morning Has Broken"*

Sherman

Bethel Handbell Choir

Please help the Ushers by passing the offering plate down each pew so all worshippers have an opportunity to present their gifts to God. You may also place attendance registration cards in the plate at this time.

## \*Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

## \*Doxology #95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## Children's Moment

Marian Scullion

## Children's Church

Martie Walker/Louise Smith

## Hymn #2164

*"The Faith We Sing"*

Sanctuary

## Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

## Sermon

"The Stranger, Guest and Host"

Rev. Davis

## \*Hymn #572

*"Pass It On"*

Pass It On

## \*Benediction

## \*Choral Response

## \*Chiming of the Trinity

## \*Postlude

*"Recessional"*

Bottazzo

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

## Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Those who would like to become a member of the Bethel UMC family, by profession of faith or transfer of church membership, are invited to speak with the minister at your convenience.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Sid Burts for his birthday,, May 9th, by his daughter, Lisa Malloy.*

If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary you may contact Rebecca Bennett or the Church Office. Cost of a standard arrangement is \$54.

## Church Office Hours

Monday 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Tuesday - Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

## Publication Submission Deadlines

The deadline for the *Bulletin* is 9:00 am on the preceding Wednesday. The deadline for *The Messenger* is 9:00 am on the 25th of each month.

## Calendar Scheduling

Please contact the Church Secretary as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

## Upcoming Events at Bethel

### Sunday, May 4, 2014

REACH! Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion (PAB) 9-9:40 AM  
Handbell Rehearsal (SAN) 9-9:45 AM  
Nursery-Infants-3's (EB-108) 9-12 noon  
Sunday School (EB) 9:45-10:45 AM  
REACH! Band Practice (PAB) 9:45-11:45 A  
Worship—Handbells Play (SAN) 11:00-12:00 Noon  
Children's Church (EB-101) 11:30-12 noon  
NCD Survey (PAB) 12:00-12:30 PM  
Youth Group (Zone) 6-7:30 PM

### Monday, May 5, 2014

Preschool (PRE) 8:30 AM—1:00 PM  
BUMS (CR) 1:30-3:00 PM  
Webelos (Hut) 6-7 PM  
Boy Scouts (Hut) 7-8 PM

### Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Preschool (PRE) 8:30 AM —1:00 PM  
Yoga (PAB) 1:15  
Bears (Hut) 6-7 PM

### Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Cardinal Newman Testing (PAB) 7:45-12:00 noon  
Preschool (PRE) 8:30 AM —1:00 PM  
Staff Meeting (CR) 9-10 AM  
Pray for Bethel (SAN) 2-3 PM  
Wolves (Hut) 6:15-7:15 PM  
Adult Choir Rehearsal (CR) 7:30-8:30 PM

### Thursday, May 8, 2014

Preschool (PRE) 8:30 AM —1:00 PM  
Preschool Mother's Tea for 4 yr. olds (PAB) 11:00-12:00 noon  
Yoga (PAB) 1:15-2:15 PM  
Tigers (Hut) 5:30-6:30 PM

### Friday, May 9, 2014

Cardinal Newman Testing (PAB) 7:45-12:00 noon  
Preschool (PRE) 8:30 AM —1:00 PM  
Young Adult Game Night (PAB) 7-9 PM

### Saturday, May 10, 2014

Mother Daughter Tea (PAB) 9-11 AM

CR—Conference Room  
PS—Pastor's Study  
PAB—Pool Activities Building

EB—Education Building  
CVC—Christian Voyager's Class  
SAN—Sanctuary

## Memory Verse for week of May 4th

*Romans 5:3-4*

"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance character, and character, hope."

**In Need of Prayer?** Simply use the Prayer Request Card found in your pew. You may place it in a Prayer Request Box (located in the narthex and office hallway) or fold and place in the offering plate. Or, you may call **Iva Dell Grif-fin at 782-5032.**



# KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING

...so the world will experience Christ's love!

**Sunday, May 4, 2014**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

*In Ministry with the Congregation*

**Reverend Todd Davis, Pastor**

**Michelle Keiffer, Director of Christian Education and Family Ministries**

**Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries**

**Bill Webb, Organist**

**Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir**

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