

July 8, 2018 11:00 A.M.

"Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free -John 8:31-32

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

(\*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.

**Prelude** *Processional* Hopson

As the prelude begins, please take your seat & center yourself for worship.

**Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations**

**Moments of Fellowship**

**WE PRAISE GOD**

**\*Call to Worship** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;  
I can feel His mighty power and His Grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
(sing twice)**

**\*Opening Prayer**

**\*Opening Hymn UMH #89** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**\*Expression of Faith**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In Life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Offertory** *Chanson* Galliard

**\*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.*

**Ministers: Bethel Congregation Members and our Church Staff**  
J.B. Barnett, Custodian  
Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries & Contemporary Worship  
Rev. Julie Songer Belman, Minister  
Carol Burger, Preschool Director  
LaTonya Fleming, Administrative Assistant  
Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir  
Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries  
Bill Webb, Organist

**Bethel's Family Promise Ministry**

If you would like to learn more about Bethel's Family Promise ministry, please join us on July 9 at 6:00 in the PAB for an information session for both new and "seasoned" volunteer hosts. We will be providing hospitality to families experiencing homelessness from July 15- 22. During our host week, we will provide nourishing meals, comforting shelter, and much needed respite to our guests who are struggling to achieve financial stability and permanent housing. Please contact Bonnie Speas @ 727-8515 or Martie Walker @ 212-8256 for more information or to volunteer.

**Memorial Garden Plots Are Available**

Our Memorial Garden (phase II) plots are available for purchase. You can choose from a single plot to a multi-family area. The total cost per plot is \$1,000.00. The cost includes the vault, urn and granite marker. Please see Lee Wilson, Memorial Garden chairperson or contact him at [803-740-9952](tel:803-740-9952).

**Caroline Funderburk Cloth Dolls**

The Joy Sunday School Class and Lina Ott Circle invite you to celebrate Caroline Funderburk's life and view her collection of cloth dolls (one with only a wishbone as a start) at 3:00 pm July 9, 2018 in the Conference Room. You may want to take one of these rare dolls home with you. For more information, call Verta at 803-787-4033.

**Salkehatchie Summer Service July 21-28 Lake Murray Camp**

During the week we will be working on 4 houses that are in desperate need of repairs. We are asking for any donations that we can take with us for that week. Some suggested donations may be financial contributions, cases of water, cases of Gatorade and even snacks to eat during the week. If you choose to give financially, you may indicate "Salkehatchie" on your check or envelope. If you choose to give any other donations, such as water, Gatorade or snacks, you may drop those in the storage container in the narthex, in front of the office or the Pool Building. If you have any questions, you may contact Jason Barrs ([bjasonbarrs@gmail.com](mailto:bjasonbarrs@gmail.com) or 803-318-6061).

**Youth Ministry Fundraiser: Wall of Giving**

A "wall" will be setup in both the narthex and the Pool Building with a series of numbered envelopes numbered 1-100. The odd numbers will be in the narthex and the even numbers will be in the Pool Building. Take an envelope that matches the dollar amount that you would like to contribute. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate. There are some blank envelopes attached if you want a number that is already chosen. The donations will primarily be used to fund youth activities for this summer (Salkehatchie & Mountain Retreat). Any extra money will fund other Youth Ministry needs/events throughout the year. Thank you for making the Youth Ministry possible!

**Serving the Congregation Today**  
**Greeters:** Janis Lawther, Sara Derrick, Mike Hellams  
**Sound System Operator:** David Walker  
**Acolyte:** Sterling Davis  
**Children's Moment:** Mike Hellams  
**Ushers:** Chuck Ward, Ken Wood, Larry Cope, John Mathis  
**Offering Counters:** Kimberly Wilson, Sue Ward  
**Sanctuary Preparers:** Iva Dell Griffin, Mary Ott  
**Sanctuary Lock up after Service:** Joe Wiltshire, Bill Lucas  
**July UMW Working Circle (Flowers):** Lina Ott  
**Nursery Workers:** Lauren Lawley, Danyelle Copeland

**Memory Verse for July 8**

**"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life"  
-John 8:12**

**ACTIVITIES AT BETHEL & YOUTH NEWS**  
**Youth will NOT meet today**  
**Swim Night @ The Mathis' Home:**  
Bring your swimsuits and a towel and we will have hotdogs for dinner. Youth will be dropped-off and picked-up from The Mathis'.  
**Youth Summer Activities:**  
Lake Murray Salkehatchie July 21-28  
Mountain Retreat @ Lake Junaluska August 12-15  
A \$50 deposit is due to Jason by Sun July 15  
For more information about activities at Bethel, contact Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries [bjasonbarrs@gmail.com](mailto:bjasonbarrs@gmail.com)

**Preschool Playground Campaign**

For the past 50 years Bethel Preschool has been a fixture in our community and has been an influence to many families in our area. We want to continue that legacy by providing wonderful facilities for both the children of our community and here at Bethel. We are in the process of raising funds for a new Playground equipment. As of today we have raised more than \$16,000 towards that goal. Our total goal is to raise \$30,000. We have submitted paperwork for a possible grant to help in this campaign.

**How can you help?**

If you would like to contribute to our campaign you may give in honor/memory of loved ones or that special someone. You may do this by indicating that on your envelope and dropping in the offering plate. You may also stop by the Preschool or Church office and attach your check with a donor letter.

If you would like more information please contact our Preschool Director, Carol Burger, 803-787-3089, or Director of Family Ministries, Jason Barrs in the church office 803-787-3058. Thank you, in advance, for your continued support!!

**Children's Moment**

Mike Hellams

As children return to their seats, please sing the chorus of:

**Jesus Loves the Little Children**

*Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

**\*Hymn of Preparation #430**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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**Prayers of the People 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.**

**Anthem**

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

*Adoro te devote*  
arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Saviour, speak.  
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.  
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show Thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give Him who gave me thee.  
Mighty Spirit dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee;  
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield:  
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 & John 8:31-36

**Sermon**

"Freedom to Fail"

Rev. Julie Songer Belman

**WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn of Dedication and Service #593**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude**

*Heavenly Sunlight*

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Friday Office Hours 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Phone number 803-787-3058

**Publication Submission Deadlines**

The deadline for the **Bulletin** is 12 Noon on the preceding Tuesday.  
The deadline for the **Messenger** is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of each month.  
Please contact the church office as soon as possible to get your upcoming events on the calendar. Rooms are scheduled on a first-come basis.

**Upcoming Events @ Bethel United**

**Sunday, July 8**

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)  
9:45 Bible Study (EB)  
11:00 Worship (S)

**Monday, July 9**

3:00 Joy Class &  
Lina Ott Circle (CR)  
6:00 Family Promise Informative  
Meeting (PAB)

**Tuesday, July 10**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp  
6:00 Finance Committee (CR)

**Wednesday, July 11**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp  
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)  
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

**Thursday, July 12**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp

**Sunday, July 15**

**Family Promise**  
**July 15-22**

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)  
9:45 Bible Study (EB)  
11:00 Worship (S)  
4:00 Youth Swim Night

**Monday, July 16**

6:00 Church Council (S)  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Tuesday, July 17**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp

**Wednesday, July 18**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp  
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)  
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

**Thursday, July 19**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp  
**Lake Murray Salkehatchie**  
**Summer Service**  
**July 21-28**

**Sunday, July 22**

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)  
9:45 Bible Study (EB)  
11:00 Worship (S)

**Wednesday, July 25**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp  
2:30 Pray for Bethel (CR)  
6:00 Reach Band Rehearsal (PAB)

**Thursday, July 26**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp

CR—Conference Rm PAB—Pool Activities  
EB—Education Bldg Building  
NJC—New Journey S—Sanctuary

**Special Prayers for those in Hospitals/Rehab**

Margaret Hinze, NHC, Parklane; Betty Onley; Herman Berry; Nancy Johnson, The Blake; Claud Murphy; Carmen Pool, Parkridge; Gwen Barrs; Ken May; Sarah Parker; Family of Conrad Delaney

**Upper Room Prayer line:** Georgie(2) CH; Shirley, MS; Michael(2) CA; Richard, CA; Rose,FL; Ron,CA; Wade,SC; Ivory,NC; Matt,WVA; Sherry,MI; Eileen(2),PA; Wilson,OH; Kelly,OH; Edna,IL; Eugene,GA; Susan,PA; Dottie,AL; Kendra,WA; Beverly,TX; Grace,WI; and Horace,NY.

**Please continue to keep these people in your hearts during your prayer time. Thank you.**



**KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING**

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

**7th Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 8, 2018**

**The Color is Red**



**Welcome!**

**Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth, and children worshipping with us today.**

**We are glad that you decided to join us for worship!**

**We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to make this church your church home.**

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