

July 15, 2018 11:00 A.M.

"Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." — Mark 8:34

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

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

**Prelude** *Chancel Radiance* Armstrong

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 #98** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**\*Expression of Faith UMH 884**

We believe in one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.  
We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.  
We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.  
We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.  
We believe in the church, those who are united in the living lord for the purpose of worship and service.  
We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and the family of God, where we are brothers and sisters.  
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offertory** *Prayer* Beethoven

**\*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

**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).

**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!

**Flowers on the altar**

Do you enjoy seeing flowers in the sanctuary space during our worship experience? If so, there are slots available for the remainder of the year. Please contact the office and speak with LaTonya at 803-787-3058 or you can email [office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com](mailto:office@bethelmethodistcolumbia.com); she will be happy to assist you with your request.

**Serving the Congregation Today**  
**Greeters:** Arnette & Ron Jordan and Brenda Shealy  
**Sound System Operator:** David Walker  
**Acolyte:** Foster Barrs  
**Children's Moment:** Martie Walker  
**Ushers:** Dan Toma, Brenda Shealy, David Barnes and Bonnie Speas  
**Offering Counters:** Dianna Elliot and Janis Lawther  
**Sanctuary Preparers:** Iva Dell Griffin and Mary Ott  
**Sanctuary Lock up after Service:** Joe Wiltshire and Bill Lucas  
**July UMW Working Circle (Flowers):** Lina Ott  
**Nursery Workers:** Lauren Lawley and Danyelle Copeland

**Memory Verse for July 15**

"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. —Ephesians 4:32

**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 or 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** Martie Walker

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 #539** *O Spirit of the Living God* FOREST GREEN

**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** *Spirit of God* MORECAMBE  
Flute - Nancy Burkhalter arr. Strommen

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away. Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture** Mark 8:27-38 p. 43

**Sermon** "The Way of the Cross " Rev. Julie Songer Belman

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

**Commissioning of Salkehatchie workers**

**\*Hymn of Dedication and Service #318** *Christ Is Alive* TRURO

**\*Benediction**

**\*Choral Response**

**\*Postlude** *The Way of the Cross Leads me* Gabriel

**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 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)

12:00 Holroyd Luncheon (PAB)

**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

**Sunday, July 29**

9:00 Reach! Service (PAB)

9:45 Bible Study (EB)

11:00 Worship (S)

**Tuesday, July 31**

8:30 Preschool Summer Camp

7:00 Choir Rehearsal (CR)

**Save the date**

**Sunday, July 12**

11:00 Blessing of the bags/Bible presentations

**Sunday, July 19**

11:00 Preschool Teacher Recognition

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!**

**8th Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 15, 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.**

**Connect with Us**

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