

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

(\*) The asterisk is to indicate that those who are able are invited to stand.  
As the prelude begins, please take your seat & center yourself for worship.  
\*\*There are large print hymnals available for those who need one.  
Please ask an usher to bring you one.

### Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

### Recognition of Todd Lutz Scholarship Recipients

Bonnie Lutz

### \*Presentation of the Colors

### Prelude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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## WE PRAISE GOD

### \*Call to Worship

*Seek Ye First*

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be gathered unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

### \*Opening Prayer

### \*UMH #374

*Standing on the Promises*

### Recognition of Graduates

### Congregational Blessing

**God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these graduates as they now finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they move forward in life. Strengthen their many talents and skills. Instill in them confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Offertory

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

American Folk Hymn

### \*Doxology

*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

Rev. Julie Belman

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

***Jesus Loves Me***

*Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so*

### Ministers: Bethel Congregation Members and our Church Staff

J.B. Barnett, Custodian

Jason Barrs, Director of Family Ministries & Contemporary Worship

Rev. Julie Belman, Minister

Carol Burger, Preschool Director

Sylvia Hulbert, Director of Handbell Choir

Marian Scullion, Director of Music Ministries

Bill Webb, Organist

Elizabeth Yarbrough, Administrative Assistant

**In honor of Memorial Day, the Posting of the Colors will be done by Ken Wood, U.S. Air Force veteran and Ron Gordon, U.S. Army and National Guard veteran.**

### American Flag Pledge:

*I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America  
and to the republic for which it stands,  
one nation under God, indivisible,  
with liberty and justice for all.*

### Christian Flag Pledge:

*I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag  
and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands  
one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again  
with life and liberty to all who believe.*

### Lois McNair Group is Tonight!

We will be meeting at John and Anne Mathis' house at 6:30. See you there!

### 2019 Todd Lutz Scholarship Recipients

*Congratulations to Wilhelm Elliott, Christopher Walker and Isabelle Wood—Our 2019 graduate recipients of the Todd Lutz Scholarship Fund for \$2,500.00 each! It is from the generosity of donations to the fund, which is greatly appreciated, and to fundraisers that Bethel is able to give this scholarship to our graduates.*

### Family Promise—June 9th-16th! Volunteers Needed!

Please consider volunteering to prepare a meal or serve as an evening and/or overnight host during Bethel's June 9th Family Promise host week. Family Promise of the Midlands is an outreach ministry that provides hospitality to families experiencing homelessness. Evening hosts join the families at Bethel from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. for the evening meal and fellowship. At 8:30 p.m., overnight hosts arrive to spend the night with the families in the education building until they depart the next morning for work, summer day camp, or the day center where they work with a FP case manager to regain stability and search for affordable housing.  
**Brenda Harper—Dinner Coordinator, 803-603-5932**  
**Martie Walker—Evening/Overnight Host Coordinator, 803-212-8256**  
**Bonnie Speas—Host Coordinator, 803-727-8515**

### Doxology Youth Choir Concert at Still Hopes Retirement Community

The Doxology Youth Choir is currently touring and will be coming to perform at the Keenan Event Center, which is at Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community. This is a 50 member, energetic youth choir from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA. The performance is on Tuesday, June 4th at 10:30 am and is free.

### Serving the Congregation Today

**Greeters:** Ken Wood, Brenda Shealy, Dianne Roddey

**Sound System Operator:** David Walker

**Acolyte:** Will Barrs

**Ushers:** Janel Bell, Arnette Jordan, Sid George, Frank Hafner

**Offering Counters:** Mike Hellams & Brenda Shealy

**Sanctuary Lock Up:** Ken Wood & Frank Hafner

**Sanctuary Preparation:** Linda Howell & Debbie Carter

**May Working Circle (Flowers):** Lina Ott

### Memory Verse for May 26, 2019

*"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do even greater works than these!" John 14:12*

***The flowers on the altar of given in memory of  
Douglas C. Johnson by Cheryl Johnson.***



## BETHEL AND YOUTH NEWS

### No Youth Today!

### June 2—Lunch Outing at Mod Pizza

### VBS June 20-22—5:30-8:00

Dinner will be provided each night! Then we will have a celebration Sunday June 23 in the 11:00 Worship Service. Registration is open online through our website! *We would also LOVE for anyone to sign up and volunteer—the more the merrier!* So, mark your calendars and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Contact Jason Barrs, Martie Walker or Jenny Curran for any questions!



### Special Prayers for Bethel Friends and Family

Margaret & David Hinze, moved to GA; Nancy Johnson, The Blake; Mary Kirby, Waterford; Claude Murphy, Forest Pines; Betty Onley, Carman Pool, Fran Love, Rice Estates; Harold Nally; Harry & Sarah Parker; Irene Boyd; Connie Fowke, NHC; Herman Berry, Joe Kendall, Gloria Pruet, home; Kay Fraiser, Clara Hunsucker.

### **"But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Matthew 19:14**

*We welcome all persons in worship and rejoice in the sounds of God's little blessings in our sanctuary! For our youngest worshippers, we offer nursery care in our Christian Education building. Our paid and background checked staff would be honored to care for your children (aged 6 weeks to 3 years) for the duration of the service. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions. They would be happy to escort you if you don't know the way! A room is available in the back of the sanctuary for crying babies, nursing or pumping mothers at any time.*

**Anthem** *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* Althouse

O that I had a thousand voices; and with a thousand tongues could tell  
Of Him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well.  
O that the people of all nations to God a thousand hymns could sing;  
And drink the cup of God's salvation in peace to every living thing.  
God of the wind and waters, and of the stars and sky,  
Creator of the earth and heavens, praise the Lord most high.  
O that I had a thousand voices; and with a thousand tongues could tell  
Of Him in whom the earth rejoices, who all things wisely does and well.  
O that I had a thousand voices.

**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.**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture** John 14:12-17  
The Word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God!**  
**Sermon** Show Off! Rev. Julie Belman

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

**\*UMH #383** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*  
(v. 1-3)  
**\*Benediction**  
*May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.*  
*May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.*  
*May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.*  
*May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.*  
*And the Blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love an pray for this day, and forever more.*

**\*Choral Response** *This Is a Day of New Beginnings*  
(v. 4)

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

**\*Postlude** *Jesus Is All the World to Me* Thompson



**Church Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Phone number—803-787-3058  
**Publication Submission Deadlines**  
The deadline for the **Bulletin** is 12:00 pm on the preceding Tuesday.  
The deadline for the **Messenger** is 9:00 am on the 3rd Monday of 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 at Bethel**

- Sunday, May 26**  
9:00 REACH (PB)  
9:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship (S)  
12:00 Graduate Luncheon (PB)  
6:30 Lois McNair Group
- Monday, May 27**  
**Memorial Day—Office Closed**
- Wednesday, May 29**  
1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
6:00 REACH Band Rehearsal (PB)  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
7:00 By Signs & Wonder Study (NJ)
- Sunday, June 2**  
**SC Annual Conference—June 2-6**  
9:00 REACH (PB)  
9:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship (S)
- Monday, June 3**  
1:30 BUMS Committee Meeting (NJ)  
6:00 Trustees Meeting (CR)
- Tuesday, June 4**  
**Preschool Summer Program Begins**  
11:30 Transitions  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal (CR)
- Wednesday, June 5**  
1:30 Prayer for Bethel (S)  
6:00 REACH Band Rehearsal (PB)  
7:00 By Signs & Wonder Study (NJ)
- Saturday, June 8**  
8:30 UMM Breakfast (PB)
- Sunday, June 9**  
**Family Promise Week Begins**  
9:00 REACH (PB)  
9:45 Sunday School (EB)  
11:00 Traditional Worship (S)
- Monday, June 10**  
10:00 Staff Meeting (CR)  
7:00 Scouts Court of Honor (S)

CR—Conference Room  
EB—Education Building  
NJ—New Journey  
PB—Pool Act. Building  
S—Sanctuary

**Ways to Connect**

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**KNOWING, LOVING, SERVING**  
...so the world will experience Christ's love!



**May 26, 2019**  
**The Color is White**

**Welcome!**

*We are so glad you decided to join us for worship.  
Our hope is that you will experience the love of Jesus Christ while you are among us and join us in sharing God's Good News with the world. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Bethel Church family.*