



Bethany United Methodist Church

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors

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February 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.



Bethany United Methodist Church

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Josiah Minor
Media Team:	Scott Berry, Aidan Dumbrocyo, Susannah Hogge, Jeremy Nardozi, Cathy Raines,
Altar Guild this month:	Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Laura Glaze
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Bernard & Debbie Robins, Loreen Paiva

— *As the music begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.* —

**Please stand as you are able and please silence your mobile devices.*

STEWARDSHIP	2/16
General Fund	5,760.30
Jubilee Churches	100.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	55.00
Bazaar Fund (soup)	94.00
ATTENDANCE	2/16
In-person Worship 8:30 am	27
In-person Worship 11:00 am	36
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	42
Total in Worship	105

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

“Sing a song of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us”

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship**

Laura Glaze

Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

But who are the others?

Congregation: Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Be merciful as your Father is merciful.” But what is mercy?

Congregation: To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Leader: Jesus teaches us, “Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” But how do we forgive?

Congregation: By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Leader: Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn**

There’s a Spirit in the Air

UMH 192

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle’s Creed

UMH No. 881

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All Services May be Viewed On:



Opening Prayer Laura Glaze
 Holy Jesus,
 You call us into a life that others have told us is easy, but it is not.
 You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, to bless those who curse us.
 We want the easy way, but You have given us the hard path.
 Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with You,
 to allow ourselves at times to stumble,
 to live into the hard way so that we might fully experience Your love, grace,
 and peace in this world,
 by becoming a people full of love and grace and forgiving others.
 In Your name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem Horatio G. Spafford
It is Well With My Soul
 Soloist Sandy Fox

Concerns and Prayers of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”

The Lord’s Prayer UMH No. 895
 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.

Meditation Franz Peter Schubert
Twelve Ländler, D. 790
 Nos. 7-12
 (31 Jan. 1797-1828)
 Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford
 (The Ländler was an Austrian folk dance that evolved into the waltz.)

Offering and Offertory Prayer Pastor Paul Song

Offertory Scott Joplin
“Fig Leaf – A High Class Rag
 (1868-1917)
 Celebrating Black History Month
 “And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;
 And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.”
 - Genesis 3: 7

***Doxology** UMH No. 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.

Prayer of Illumination Laura Glaze
 Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 6: 27-38 Laura Glaze
 The Word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Higher Than the Golden Rule” Pastor Paul Song

***Hymn** *O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice* UMH 391

***Benediction & Blessing** Pastor Paul Song

***Closing Chorus** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

Exodus *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 154

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **Upsy Daisy**
Creative Reuse Center

BIRDIE'S CLOSET

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE CLOSET WITH NEW OR LIKE NEW CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

CHOOSE A "BIRDIE" (OR TWO) FROM THE TREE, PURCHASE THE ITEMS NOTED AND RETURN THEM UNWRAPPED TO THE BOX IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

BIRDIE'S CLOSET WILL BE A RESOURCE THAT CAN PROVIDE CLEAN, APPROPRIATE CLOTHING TO EACH CHILD IN NEED. CHILDREN ENTERING INTO FOSTER CARE ARRIVE INTO THE SYSTEM WITH VERY LITTLE.

WE WILL GATHER CLOTHING, PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS, TOYS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, AND OTHER ITEMS THAT CHILDREN & TEENS MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE. WE ALSO HOPE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE EACH CHILD A SUITCASE, DUFFEL BAG OR BACKPACK. NO CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO PACK UP ALL OF THEIR THINGS INTO A TRASH BAG.

