



### Bethany United Methodist Church

*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*

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April 6, 2025

11:00 a.m.

## Bethany United Methodist Church

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday

**WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!**

#### VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:	Regina Berry
Media Team:	Scott Berry, Aidan Dumbrocyo, Susannah Hogge, Jeremy Nardozi, Cathy Raines
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Doe Breen
Trustee Contact this week:	M.E. Thomas
Greeters:	Betty Durette, Tom Smith
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Bernard & Debbie Robins, Loreen Paiva

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	3/30
General Fund	1979.60
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
Rise Against Hunger	100.00
UMCOR	100.00
Endowment Fund	50.00
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	3/30
In-person Worship 10:00	74
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	6
Total in Worship	80

#### **BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY**

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

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

**Intrada** *What Wondrous Love is This* UMH 292

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor Paul Song

**\*Call to Worship** Doe Breen

Leader: Sing praise to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name.

**Congregation: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!**

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

**Congregation: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.**

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

**Congregation: Our souls cannot be silent! O God, our Savior,  
we give thanks to you for ever!**

**\*Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

**\*Affirmation of Faith** The Apostle's Creed UMH No. 881

**Opening Prayer** Doe Breen

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.**

**We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole.**

**Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gently guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Anthem** *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Derek Hakes

revised and transcribed by Craig Courtney (Munster Gesangbuch, 1677; transcribed Joseph August Seiss, 1873)

All Services May be Viewed On:



**Scripture** John 12: 1-8 Doe Breen  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “Holy Extravagancy” Pastor Paul Song

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

### Holy Communion

**Invitation to Table** Pastor Paul Song

**Confession and Pardon** (on screen)

**Offering and Offertory Prayer** Pastor Paul Song

**Offertory** “Wondrous Love”: Variations on a Shape-note Hymn Samuel Barber  
“And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, And through eternity, I’ll sing on.” (1910-1981)  
-- Isaac Watts, 1707

**\*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.**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (on screen)

**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.**

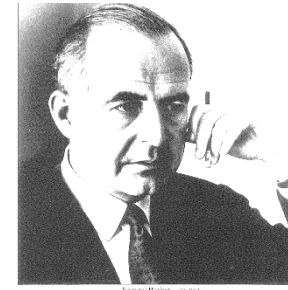
**Giving the Bread and Cup**  
(Communion is served by intinction. After you receive the bread, please dip it into the cup.)

**Music during Communion** Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” UMH 289  
Chorale Prelude on “Ah, Holy Jesus,” Opus 122, No.2 Brahms (1833-1897)  
Chorale Improvisation on “Ah, Holy Jesus,” Opus 65, No. 17 Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion** (on screen)

**\*Hymn** Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast UMH 616  
**\*Benediction** Pastor Paul Song  
**\*Closing Chorus** Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204  
**Exodus** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH 298

### Note on Music for Lent



Samuel Barber is one of America’s most renowned composers, and three of his works appear regularly in services at Bethany: *Adagio for Strings* on Memorial Day; *Chorale Prelude on “Silent Night”* on Christmas Eve; and during Lent his “*Wondrous Love*”: *Variations on a Shape-note Hymn*, created in 1959. The modal tune was borrowed from a secular song about the famous pirate Captain Kidd and first appeared as a hymn in William Walker’s *Southern Harmony* (1835). The text is a meditation on Christ’s love, so great that he would give up His crown for a sinner’s soul.

Samuel Barber’s four variations on *What Wondrous Love Is This* (UMH No. 292) mirror the mood and meaning of the hymn’s four stanzas with sensitivity and finesse the equal of Johann Sebastian Bach in his variations on Lutheran chorales. Springing from such a venerable tradition, the blues-tinged music Barber composed for the final stanza of *Wondrous Love* gains a special poignancy and resonance: “And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, and through eternity I’ll sing on.”

– Rudy Shackelford

