



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
*The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors*  
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Acolyte:	Aidan Dumbrocyo
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Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Judy Burner
Trustee Contact this week:	Milton Hudgins
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Greeters:	Pauline Reimold, Tom Smith
Counting Team:	Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	<b>8/17</b>
General Fund	2430.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8/17</b>
In person Worship 8:30 am	36
In person Worship 11:00 am	55
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	108
Total in Worship	199

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*All Services May be Viewed On:*



August 24, 2025 11:00 a.m.

**BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshipping with us!**  
— *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** *Here Comes the Sun* George Harrison, arr. by Amy Fields

**Welcome and Announcements** Pastor John Choi

**\*Call to Worship** Judy Burner

Leader: Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.  
**Congregation: We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed but to be welcomed and embraced.**  
Leader: We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.  
**Congregation: We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God, to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**  
Leader: We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.  
**All: We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation of God's Steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Hymn** *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

**\*Responsive Reading** (Psalm 71: 1-6) Judy Burner  
In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.  
**In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.  
**Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.  
**Upon you I have leaned from my birth;  
it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

**Opening Prayer** Judy Burner  
Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your gentle discipline, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem	Novelette	Kevin Kaisershot
Children’s Time and Blessing of the Backpacks		Ellie Fountain
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.		
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor John Choi
Offertory	Hur Var Du i After Så Sildig Danish Traditional Song	arr. by Danish String Quartet
*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 For Illumination		Judy Burner
Living God, help us to hear your holy Word with open hearts so that we may truly understand; and, understanding, that we may believe; and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience; through Christ, our Lord. Amen.		
Scripture Reading	Luke 13: 10-17	Judy Burner
Sermon	“Set Free by Love”	Pastor John Choi
Lord Jesus, set us free. Let us see, receive, and witness to your holy love. Amen.		
*Hymn	God of the Ages	UMH 698
*Benediction		Pastor John Choi
*Closing Chorus	Surely the Presence of the Lord (repeat “Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place” at the end)	UMH 328
Exodus	Allegro from the Menuetto, Symphony 102	Haydn

## Welcome!

### Gloucester Community Orchestra Small Ensemble

- ❖ Anne Baltrusaitis, Iris Redmond, and Eddie Wiehrs, violin
- ❖ Martha Reiss, viola
- ❖ Virginia Roane and Nancy Wilson, cello
- ❖ Holly Miller, flute
- ❖ Randall Reiss, oboe
- ❖ Shahana Garner, trumpet
- ❖ Kevin Garner, French horn and bass
- ❖ Kirk Bell, percussion