



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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Acolyte:	Regina Berry
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Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Jane Niethamer
Trustee Contact this week:	Rob Raines
Greeters:	Pauline Reimold, Tom Smith
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

STEWARDSHIP	7/27
General Fund	4916.92
ATTENDANCE	7/27
In person Worship – 8:30 am	37
In person Worship – 11:00am	57
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	142
Total in Worship	236

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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All Services May be Viewed on:



August 3, 2025

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8th Sunday after Pentecost | Communion Sunday

WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping 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, O My Lord, I See Thee* UMH 623
“This is the hour of banquet and of song; This is the heavenly table spread for me.”

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship** Jane Niethamer
Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest
who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,
All: let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

***Hymn** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* UMH 358

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

Opening Prayer Jane Niethamer
Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, by the renewing of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem *“Down to the River to Pray”* Sheldon Curry

Children’s Sermon Pastor John Choi

Prayer of Illumination Jane Niethamer
Lord God, at the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the waters. So send your Spirit to us now to open our hearts and minds to receive the re-creating power of your Word; through Christ, Amen.

Scripture Reading	Colossians 3: 1-11	Jane Niethamer
Word of God for the people of God.		
Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Died Once, Risen for New Purpose”	Pastor John Choi
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”		

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table		Pastor John Choi
Confession and Pardon (on screen)		
Offering and Offertory Prayer		Pastor John Choi
Offertory	Clair de Lune (Moonlight), from Suite Bergamasque Remembering Marie Baldwin, Organist at Bethany 1954-1972, died 6 August 2006 “Their song melts in the calm light of the moon, The lovely melancholy light that sets The little birds to dreaming in the tree” - Paul Verlaine	Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
*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	Le Banquet Céleste (The Heavenly Banquet) “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh by blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.” - John 6: 56	Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
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Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion	Pastor John Choi
Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.	

*Hymn	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	UMH 526
*Benediction		Pastor John Choi
*Closing Chorus	Emmanuel, Emmanuel Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat 1x)	UMH 204
Exodus	Christian People, Raise Your Song	UMH 636

