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VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Media:	Scott Berry, Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Laura Glaze
Trustee Contact this week:	Jackie Hampton
Greeters:	Jack & Nina Whitmore
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

STEWARDSHIP	9/28
General Fund	2819.00
Hospitality	50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	65.00
Endowment Fund	50.00
ATTENDANCE	9/28
In person Worship – 8:30 am	29
In person Worship – 11:00 am	61
Online Worship (Facebook/YouTube)	65
Total in Worship	155

BETHANY STAFF

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October 5, 2025

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
17th Sunday after Pentecost | Communion Sunday
World 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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62
Celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship** Laura Glaze

Leader: People of God, worship the living God today!
Remember that out of nothing
God created the heavens and earth.
**Congregation: Remember that God raised Jesus
from the powerlessness of death
to the power of his right hand.**
Leader: Remember that not even the gates of hell
can stand against God's purposes.
All: Behold your God, who reigns now and forever!

***Hymn** *Nothing but the Blood* UMH 362

Opening Prayer Laura Glaze
O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem *"Communion Hymn"* David M. Kettermeyer

Children's Time (All children are invited to attend Children's Church afterwards) Ellie Fountain

Prayer for Illumination Laura Glaze
Come, Holy Spirit: Inspire our lives with your light and fire. Come, Holy Spirit: Anoint us with your bounteous spiritual gifts. Come, Holy Spirit: Speak to us through your timeless Word today. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

All Services May be Viewed on:



*Scripture Reading	Luke 17: 5-10 Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Laura Glaze	*Hymn	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	UMH 361
Sermon	“The Power of Small Faith”	Pastor John Choi	*Benediction		Pastor John Choi
Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition “Lord, hear our prayer.”			*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
Holy Communion			Exodus	God of the Sparrow God of the Whale	UMH 122
NOTE ON MUSIC FOR ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI Today, on World Communion Sunday, we celebrate the life and ministry of St. Francis, who was born in the central Italian town of Assisi circa 1182 A.D. and died there on 4 October 1226. Born into wealth, he spent a frivolous youth until a serious illness caused him to dedicate himself to the imitation of Christ's life in poverty, prayer, and service to mankind. Francis considered all of nature as the mirror of God, and his <i>Canticle of the Creatures</i>, set to music in our Intrada (UMH No. 62), refers to "brother Sun" and "sister Moon," to wind and water and fire, and even to "sister Death." With his heightened awareness of the environment and animal welfare, St. Francis is still very relevant and compelling in the 21st century! Birds are among God's most magical creations. One of many charming episodes in the Franciscan legend is his "Sermon to the Birds," depicted in Giotto's frescoes at Assisi and recounted in the <i>Fioretti</i> (or <i>Little Flowers of St. Francis</i>), a treasure of 13th-century Italian literature. Taking a little poetic license, we have chosen the swan to represent the avian kingdom, portrayed in music by a different saint—Camille Saint-Saëns—in his <i>Carnival of the Animals</i>. Our Music during Communion is a <i>Lauda spirituale</i>, an anonymous 13th-century Italian praise song. The genre originated in connection with the Franciscans and lay organizations engaged in religious or devotional activities, such as the guild of <i>Laudesi della Beata Vergine</i> in Florence. In a simple style suitable for performance by persons without musical training, the <i>Lauda spirituale</i> was vigorously cultivated during the period of penitential fervor in the last half of the 13th century. My organ transcription of the <i>Lauda "Ogne Homo"</i> expands the monophonic texture of the original to embrace added counterpoint and harmonies redolent of the 20th century. Although it was written four centuries after the era of St. Francis, <i>Capriccio Pastorale</i>, by Vatican organist Girolamo Frescobaldi, evokes the communion with nature that is a hallmark of Franciscan worship. — Rudy Shackelford					
Invitation to Table		Pastor John Choi			
Confession and Pardon (on screen)					
Offering and Offertory Prayer					
Offertory	The Swan, from “Carnival of the Animals” Performed in memory of Maxine Bayly	Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)			
*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	Lauda Spirituale: “Ogne Homo” Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford Capriccio Pastorale	Anonymous Franciscan (13 th -14 th Century) Girolamo Frescobaldi (1543-1623)			
Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion					
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.					

