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April 26, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME and thank you for worshiping with us today!

VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes: James Hornsby, Mason Bland
 Media: Scott Berry, Jeremy Nardozi, Susannah Hogge, Aidan Dumbrocyo, Jurah Yang
 Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane
 Liturgist: Josiah Minor
 Trustee Contact this week: Donna Andersen
 Greeter: Mitchell & Barbara Dunston
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Counting Team: Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

STEWARDSHIP	4/19
General Fund	3062.87
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
ATTENDANCE	4/19
Worship – 8:30 am	24
Worship – 11:00 am	59
Online Worship	47
Total	130

BETHANY STAFF

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*For the Beauty of the Earth
 All Things Bright and Beautiful
 "The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one."*

UMH 92
 UMH 147

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship**

Josiah Minor

Leader: Come, let us worship Jesus, who guides us and protects us.

Congregation: The Lord of life provides for us and draws us together in community.

Leader: We come to worship as the family of Christ,

All: a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

***Hymn**

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16)

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

**do not let me ever be put to shame;
 in your righteousness deliver me.**

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

**take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
 for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
 is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Opening Prayer Josiah Minor
Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he heads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem *Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here)* Traditional African Melody
music by Terry Kirkland

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

Concerns and Prayer 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 *All in a Garden Green, from "My Ladye Nevells Booke* William Byrd
Celebrating Historic Garden Week, April 18-25th (1543-1623)
"The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of birds for mirth.
One is nearer God's heart in a garden, Than anywhere else on earth."
- Dorothy Gurney, *The Lord God Planted a Garden*

***Hymn** *Jesus, Name Above All Names* TFWS 2071

Prayer for Illumination Josiah Minor
Lord God, we long for your word, which is alive and active. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Speak to your people, we pray, through your holy Son, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2: 19-25 Josiah Minor
Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon "By His Wounds You Have Been Healed" Pastor John Choi

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pastor John Choi

Affirmation of Faith Revelations 3:20
Jesus says to the church: Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
My Lord and my God, I open the door of my heart and my life. Be thou my true friend and Savior.

Offertory Prayer and Offering

Offertory *To a Wild Rose, from "Woodland Sketches"* Edward MacDowell
Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford (1860-1908)
Loveliest of lovely things are they, On earth, that soonest pass away,
The rose that lives its little hour, Is prized beyond the sculptured flower."
- William Cullen Bryant

***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.

***Hymn** *Take Up Thy Cross* UMH 415

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

***Closing Chorus** *On Eagle's Wings (1x)* UMH 143

Exodus *Now the Green Blade Riseth* UMH 311
"Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green"

**please stand as you are able*