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WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshipping with us!

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 Altar Guild this month: Pauline Reimold, Lynne Barnes, Diana Simmons
 Liturgist: Laura Glaze
 Trustee Contact this week: M.E. Thomas
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STEWARDSHIP	4/26
General Fund	3491.87
ATTENDANCE	4/26
Worship – 8:30 am	26
Worship – 11:00 am	61
Online Worship	97
Total	184

All Services May be Viewed on:



May 3, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
5th Sunday in Easter | Communion Sunday

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I Come with Joy

UMH 617

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship**

Laura Glaze

Leader: Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

Congregation: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Leader: Come, let us worship Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

All: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn**

The Church's One Foundation

UMH 545

***Responsive Reading**

By the love with which you drew near to your disciples
 as they went down to Emmaus and talked together of your passion,
 draw near to us and join yourself to us
 and give us the knowledge of yourself.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the compassion with which,
 amid the joy of your resurrection, you sought out those who were sad,
 console the fainthearted.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the patience with which you opened to them the scriptures,
 open our understanding and insight.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

By the blessing in which you made yourself known
 to the disciples in the breaking of the bread,
 may every act of yours be to us a revelation,
 opening our eyes in faith, making you more fully known to us.

Hear us, blessed Jesus.

May the peace that you gave your apostles remain with us. Amen.

Opening Prayer Laura Glaze
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* (Soloists Susannah Hogge and Kelly Fox) Anonymous

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

Prayer for Illumination
Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2: 2-10 Laura Glaze
Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "A House Built by God" Pastor John Choi

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition "Lord, hear our prayer."

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor John Choi

Prayer of Confession
Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray; and by your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Pardon
Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.
But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.
Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Intermezzo in B Minor, Opus 119, No. 1* (UMH 624) Johannes Brahms
"Look on the heart by sorrow broken...That by thy grace our souls are fed." (7 May 1833-1897)

***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 UMH 13

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 in the cup.)

Music during Communion
Communion Hymn: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness" UMH 612
Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness," from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Opus 122, No. 5
Prelude on "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness," BkV 654 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

***Hymn** *We Are the Church (vv. 1-4)* UMH 558

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

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

Exodus *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* UMH 315
"Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render."
