



Bethany United Methodist Church
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 Office Hours: Mon-Fri., 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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: Pauline Reimold, Lynne Barnes, Diana Simmons
 Liturgist: Clair Hillard
 Trustee Contact this week: Don Thomas
 Greeter: Nina Whitmore
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Counting Team: Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen

STEWARDSHIP	5/17
General Fund	2924.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
VBS	100.00
ATTENDANCE	5/17
Worship – 8:30 am	23
Worship – 11:00 am	51
Online Worship	76
Total	150

BETHANY STAFF

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May 24, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DAY OF PENTECOST

Intrada *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* UMH 500
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song UMH 544

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

Leader: And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh

**Congregation: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.**

Leader: When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

**Congregation: And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind,
 and it filled the house where they were sitting.**

Leader; And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

All: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

***Hymn** *In Christ There Is No East or West* UMH 548

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b)

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide;

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--

who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Opening Prayer Clair Hillard
Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem *Give Us Love* Chinese Melody
 arr. by Paul Whitaker, Jr.

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 *Listen Sweet Dove unto my Song* Gordon Ware Binkerd
 (22 May 1916-2003)

“Listen sweet Dove unto my song, And spread thy golden wings in me;
 Hatching my tender heart so long, Till it get wing and flie away with thee.”
 George Herbert, *Whitsunday (Pentecost)*

***Hymn** *They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

***Prayer for Illumination** Clair Hillard
Lord of heaven and earth, may these words from long ago, fulfilled by your Son, our Savior, be once again made present in us today by the power and persuasion of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

***Scripture Reading** John 7:37-39 Clair Hillard
 Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “God’s Great Gift for Our Time” Pastor John Choi

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pastor John Choi

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed (UMH 881) Clair Hillard

Offertory Prayer and Offering

Offertory *Power and Glory-Fraternal March* John Philip Sousa
 Introducing “*Onward, Christian Soldiers*” (1854-1932)
 Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

***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** *I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing* UMH 333

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

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

Exodus *Let There Be Peace on Earth* UMH 431

*** please stand as you are able**

