



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: Lynne Barnes
 Trustee Contact this week: Milton Hudgins
 Greeter: Jackie Hampton
 Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
 Counting Team: Bernard & Debbie Robins, Loreen Paiva

| STEWARDSHIP | 5/24 |
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| General Fund | 3301.87 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | 110.00 |
| Endowment Fund | 100.00 |
| ATTENDANCE | 5/24 |
| Worship – 8:30 am | 27 |
| Worship – 11:00 am | 54 |
| Online Worship | 100 |
| Total | 181 |

BETHANY STAFF

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May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 TRINITY SUNDAY | GRADUATION SUNDAY

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past (St. Anne)

William Croft (1708)
UMH 117

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship**

Lynne Barnes

Leader: The hour is coming, and now is,
 when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
 for such the Father seeks to worship him.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
 Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

***Hymn**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH 139

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 8)**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
 because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and
 crowned them with glory and honor.
**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

All: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Opening Prayer Lynne Barnes
Holy God, you are our eternal hope, our companion in life, our liberating power. Lead us in your mission, baptizing and teaching in your blessed name, so that all may worship you to the end of the age; through Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Recognition of Graduates

Blessing
As your classes and grading are now complete, may you strive toward faithfulness in all you do.
As the speeches conclude, may your voices rise up to seek justice and peace in the world.
As the fanfares cease, may God give you songs of joy, even in the challenging places.
As the applause quiets, may you celebrate and lift up those around you.
As you graduate, may your growth in God cause growth in your communities.
And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things.
Amen.

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 *Fugue in E-flat Major, “Trinity”* Johann Sebastian Bach
Celebrating Trinity Sunday (1685-1750)

***Hymn** *This Is My Father’s World* UMH 144

Scripture Reading Genesis 1: 1-5 Lynne Barnes
 Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Saved by Faithful Love” Pastor John Choi

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pastor John Choi

***Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed (UMH 880) Lynne Barnes

Offertory Prayer and Offering

Offertory *Prelude on “St. Anne”* Rudy Shackelford
 Composed in 1966 for graduation from VCU with Bachelor of Music Degree

***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** *Go, Make of All Disciples* UMH 571

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

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

Exodus *Pomp and Circumstance (excerpt)* Sir Edward Elgar
 Honoring Bethany’s Graduates (1857-1934)

** please stand as you are able*



