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WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

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Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Wendy Hogge, Mary Linda Brooks
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STEWARDSHIP	7/26
General Fund	3002.00
Endowment Fund	50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	110.00
ATTENDANCE	7/26
Worship – 8:30 am	31
Worship – 11:00 am	60
Online Worship	172
Total	263



August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10th Sunday after Pentecost | Communion Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

Intrada

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

***Call to Worship (congregation in bold)**

Susannah Hogge

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us praise our God and King.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

God's greatness is unsearchable.

***Hymn**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21)

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

All: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Susannah Hogge

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us, come as the fire and burn, come as the dew and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to your greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Anthem *It Is Well with My Soul* Horatio Spafford, Philip Bliss

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

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.

*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.

Offering Prayer

Scripture Reading Genesis 32: 22-31 Susannah Hogge
Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Jacob’s Wrestle With God” Pastor John Choi

Praise Song *El Shaddai* John W. Thompson
Praise Team and Congregation

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table Pastor John Choi

Prayer of Confession UMH 482
Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives
and our land with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance,
and to one another in real forgiveness.
By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts
and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us.
Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out fear
and bind us together in that unity which you share
with the Father and the Holy Spirit. 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.

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 13

Giving the Bread and Cup (Communion is served by intinction. Please dip the bread in the cup.)

Music during Communion Hymn: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” UMH 532
Prelude on “Jesus, Priceless Treasure,” from The Little Organ Book J.S .Bach (1685-1750)
Two Variations on “Jesus Priceless Treasure” Gordon W. Binkerd (1916-2003)

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 Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

* Dismissal with Blessing Pastor John Choi

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

Exodus Send Forth by God’s Blessing UMH 664

El-Shaddai Lyrics
El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai, El-Elyonna Adonai, Age to age you're still the same, By the power of the name.
El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai, Erkamkana Adonai, We will praise and lift you high, El-Shaddai
Through your love and through the ram, You save the son of Abraham,
Through the power of your hand, You turned the sea into dry land.
To the outcast on her knees, You were the God who really sees,
And by your might you set your children free.
Through the years you made it clear, That the time of Christ was near,
Though the people couldn't see what Messiah ought to be.
Though your Word contained the plan, They just could not understand,
Your most awesome work was done in the frailty of your Son
El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai, Age to age you’re still the same, By the power of the name.
El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai, Erkamkana Adonai, I will praise you till I die, El-Shaddai.

