



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:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Judy Burner
Trustee Contact this week:	Jackie Hampton
Greeter:	Jackie Hampton
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Jackie Hampton, Don Thomas, Donna Lane

STEWARDSHIP	7/12
General Fund	4195.03
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	175.00
ATTENDANCE	7/12
Worship – 8:30 am	32
Worship – 11:00 am	63
Online Worship	116
Total	211

BETHANY STAFF

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July 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Intrada	<i>The Washington Post</i>	John Philip Sousa (1854-1932)
Celebrating the 250 th anniversary of American Independence		

Welcome and Announcements	Pastor John Choi
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*Call to Worship (congregation in bold)	Judy Burner
Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious. We have responded to Christ's call and seek to be built into a spiritual house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.	

*Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH 369
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*Responsive Reading (Psalm 139: 1-10, 23-24) O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Opening Prayer		Judy Burner
O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.		
Anthem	Standing and Leaning (v. 1 congregation & choir, vv. 2&3 choir)	Page and Shafferman
Children’s Time	(All children are invited to attend Children’s Church afterwards)	Pastor John Choi
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	The Battle of Trenton	James Hewitt
A Favorite Historical Military Sonata dedicated to General George Washington (1770-1827) 1.Introduction; 2. Washington’s March; 3. Grief of the Americans for loss of their Comrades 4. Yankee Doodle (with Drums & Fifes); 5. Trumpets of Victory; 6. General Rejoicing		
Hymn	God Will Take Care of You (vv. 1&3)	UMH 130
Prayer for Illumination		Judy Burner
Lord God, help us to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 28: 10-19 Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Judy Burner
Sermon	“Grace in an Unexpected Place”	Pastor John Choi
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Pastor John Choi
Offertory Prayer and Offering		

Offertory	The Easy Winners Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford Celebrating Jeannie Harrell’s 90 th birthday and Tony & Barbara Holtry’s 62 nd wedding anniversary	Scott Joplin (1868-1917)
*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	Nearer, My God to Thee	UMH 528
*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		

Standing and Leaning Lyrics

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King! Through eternal ages let his praises ring:

“Glory in the highest!” I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

Yes, I’m standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my savior;

Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Yes, I’m standing, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Yes, I’m standing, leaning, standing on the promises of God.

