



Bethany United Methodist Church
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VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes:	James Hornsby, Mason Bland
Media:	Scott Berry, Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Aidan Dumbrocyo, Jurah Yang
Altar Guild this month:	Jackie Hampton, Patsy Bell, Samantha Hornsby
Liturgist:	Kevin Kiley
Trustee Contact this week:	Milton Hudgins
Greeter:	Clair Hillard
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Dawn Cluts, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

STEWARDSHIP	7/19
General Fund	3872.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	150.00
Capital Improvement Fund	120.00
Endowment Fund	50.00
Hospitality Fund	50.00
Missions Fund	50.00
Music Fund	100.00
ATTENDANCE	7/19
Worship – 8:30 am	30
Worship – 11:00 am	67
Online Worship	99
Total	196

BETHANY STAFF

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July 26, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME and thank you for worshiping with us today!

** please stand as you are able*

Intrada *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, from Cantata No. 147 (UMH 644)* J.S. Bach
Commemorating J.S. Bach, God's Chief Musician (died 28 July 1750)

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

***Call to Worship** (congregation in bold) Kevin Kiley
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

***Hymn** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* UMH 540

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 105: 1-7)
O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.
**Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. Amen.

Opening Prayer		Kevin Kiley
Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Anthem	Shall We Gather at the River	Robert Lowry adapted and arranged by John Coates, 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.		
Voluntary	Chorale: “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”	Loys Bourgeois (ca.1510-1560)
Prelude on “When in the Hour of Utmost Need, from Eighteen Chorales, BWV 668a		
“When in the hour of utmost need we know not where to look for aid; When days and nights of anxious thought nor help nor counsel yet have brought, Then this our comfort is alone: that we may meet before Thy throne And cry, O faithful God, to Thee For rescue from our misery.” -Paul Eber, ca.1560		J.S. Bach
Hymn	Seek the Lord (v.1)	UMH 124
Prayer for Illumination		Kevin Kiley
We thank you, O God, that in your word there is hope for the future. As your word is read and preached, send your Spirit so that we can know our role in your ongoing work in our world; in Jesus’ name we ask. Amen		
*Scripture Reading	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Kevin Kiley

Sermon	“Jesus Illustrates the Kingdom of God”	Pastor John Choi
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Pastor John Choi
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles’ Creed	UMH 881
Offertory Prayer and Offering		
Offertory	Toccata in D Minor, “Dorian,” BWV 538	Johann Sebastian Bach
In memory of Robert Alton “Bob” Reid, born to eternal life on 27 March 2015		
*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	Here I Am, Lord	UMH 593
*Benediction		Pastor John Choi
*Closing Chorus	On Eagle’s Wings (1x)	UMH 143
Exodus	The Day is Past and Over Harmonized by J. S. Bach (1724)	UMH 683

