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WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes: James Hornsby, Mason Bland
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Altar Guild this month: Nina Whitmore, Wendy Hogge, Mary Linda Brooks
Liturgist: Josiah Minor
Trustee Contact this week: M.E. Thomas
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STEWARDSHIP	8/16
General Fund	4696.00
Hospitality Fund	50.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
ATTENDANCE	8/16
Worship – 10:00 am	85
Online Worship	39
Total	124



August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

Voluntary *The Engulfed Cathedral*, from *Preludes*, Book 1 Claude Debussy
Transcribed for organ-piano duet by Rudy Shackelford (1862-1918)
Celebrating Debussy's 164th birthday, August 22nd

Musical Invocation Shine Jesus Shine Graham Kendrick
Praise Team

***Hymn** *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 138)
I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands. Amen.

Opening Prayer Josiah Minor
New every morning is your love, Great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Anthem	<i>You Are Mine</i> soloist Janet Chapin	David Haas
*Praise Song	<i>Chain Breaker</i> Praise Team and Congregation	Jonathan Smith Mia Feldes, Zach Williams
Blessing of the Backpacks		
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.		
Scripture Reading	Romans 12: 1-3 Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Josiah Minor
Sermon	“Offering Our Bodies and Minds in Worship”	Pastor John Choi
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*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		
*Hymn	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>	UMH 575
*Dismissal with Blessing		Pastor John Choi
*Closing Chorus	<i>On Eagle’s Wings (1x)</i>	UMH 143
Exodus	<i>God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens</i>	UMH 150

Chain Breaker

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life, there's a better life

If you've got pain, He's a pain-taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day in the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out from the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life, there's a better life

If you've got pain, He's a pain-taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker

If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify
If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify, testify
If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker
If you feel lost, He's a way maker (He's a way maker)
If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

Oh, if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison-shaking Savior
If you got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker

