



Bethany United Methodist Church
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VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes:	James Hornsby, Mason Bland
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Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Betty Neikirk
Trustee Contact this week:	Milton Hudgins
Greeter:	Nina Whitmore
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Betty & Chip Neikirk, Cheryl Roane

STEWARDSHIP	9/13
General Fund	3542.00
Capital Improvement Fund	150.00
ATTENDANCE	9/13
Worship – 8:30 am	31
Worship – 11:00 am	48
Online Worship	113
Total	192

BETHANY STAFF

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September 20, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME and thank you for worshiping with us today!

** please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

Intrada

Summer Evening, from "Lyric Pieces"

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

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

Betty Neikirk

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

***Hymn**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

***Responsive Reading (Psalm 145: 1-8)**

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
**One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
**They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen**

Opening Prayer Betty Neikirk
Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship you. We ask in Jesus’ name. Amen

Anthem arr. by Page and Shafferman
In the Sweet Up Yonder
Sweet By and By/When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

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 Rudy Shackelford
(composed 1974)
Summer Pastorale on “My Faithful Heart Rejoices”

Prelude on “My Faithful Heart Rejoices” Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)
“With joy I await the lovely summer time,
when God shall transform all things for
eternity. Heaven and earth shall be created
anew and all His creatures glorified.”

***Hymn** UMH 408
The Gift of Love (v. 2)

Prayer for Illumination Betty Neikirk
"Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen."

Scripture Reading Betty Neikirk
Leviticus 19: 9-18
John 13: 34-35

Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor John Choi
“The Old and the New Commandments”

Invitation to Christian Discipleship Pastor John Choi

Offertory Prayer and Offering

Offertory George Gershwin
(1898-1937)
Summertime, from “Porgy and Bess”
“One of these mornin’s you goin’ to rise up singin’:
Then you’ll spread yo’ wings an’ you’ll take the sky.”
- DuBose Heyward

***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** UMH 480
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

***Closing Chorus** UMH 666
Shalom to You

Exodus UMH 637
Sheaves of Summer



