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Acolytes:	James Hornsby, Mason Bland
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Altar Guild this month:	Peggy Lewis, Laura Glaze, Laura Vaughan
Liturgist:	Lynne Barnes
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Lane
Greeter:	Pauline Reimold
Ushers:	Milton Hudgins, Kirk Bell
Counting Team:	Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Wendy Hogge

STEWARDSHIP	9/20
General Fund	2347.00
Capital Improvement Fund	105.00
ATTENDANCE	9/20
Worship – 8:30 am	29
Worship – 11:00 am	59
Online Worship	106
Total	194

BETHANY STAFF

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September 27, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME and thank you for worshiping with us today!

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

Intrada *Come Sunday, from "Concert of Sacred Music"* Duke Ellington
"With God's blessing we can make it through eternity." (UMH 728) (1899-1974)

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

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.
Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.
Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer.
By your mercy we have a new life of hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

***Hymn** *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* UMH 96

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 25: 1-9)

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way. Amen.

Opening Prayer		Lynne Barnes
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	Thanksgiving Based on traditional Shaker song “Simple Gifts”	alt. John Ness Beck transcribed by Craig Courtney
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	Three Preludes for Piano Transcribed for organ-piano duet by Rudy Shackelford	George Gershwin (1898-1937)
*Hymn	Freely, Freely	UMH 389
Prayer for Illumination		Lynne Barnes
Almighty, gracious Father, grant to all of us that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and grasp your holy word with all diligence and faith; through Christ our Lord. Amen		
Scripture Reading	1 Peter 4: 7-11	Lynne Barnes
Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Joy of Serving in God’s Name”	Pastor John Choi

Invitation to Christian Discipleship		Pastor John Choi
Stewardship Moment		Jeremy Nardozzi
Offertory Prayer and Offering		
Offertory	Deep River “Deep river, my home is over Jordan. Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don’t you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all is peace?”	Spiritual
*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	Hear I Am, Lord	UMH 593
*Benediction		Pastor John Choi
*Closing Chorus	Shalom to You	UMH 666
Exodus	Bless Thou the Gifts	UMH 587

* please stand as you are able

