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WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

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Altar Guild this month: Kathy Jacobs, Nancy Kendall, Julie Rogers
Liturgist: Josiah Minor
Trustee Contact this week: Tom Barnard
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STEWARDSHIP	9/27
General Fund	2993.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
Hospitality Fund	200.00
ATTENDANCE	9/27
Worship – 8:30 am	23
Worship – 11:00 am	59
Online Worship	140
Total	222



October 4, 2026

11:00 a.m.

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor John Choi

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All Creatures of Our God and King
Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th

UMH 62

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

Josiah Minor

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
And also with you.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”**

***Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

***Responsive Reading** (Psalm 19:1, 7-11, 14)

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

**All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

Opening Prayer

Josiah Minor

We believe in you, O God, for you have the suffering of humanity your suffering.
You have come to establish a kingdom of the poor and humble.
Today we sing to you, because you're alive, you have saved us,
and you have made us free. May your kingdom increase by the power of your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Standing and Leaning

arr. by Page and Shafferman

(Standing on the Promises/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

Children’s Time

(All children are invited to attend Children’s Church afterwards)

Ellie Fountain

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6: 10-18

Josiah Minor

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

Sermon

“Being Armed Spiritually”

Pastor John Choi

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, Petition

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

Hymn

Soldiers of Christ, Arise (vv. 1,2,4)

UMH 513

Holy Communion

Invitation to Table

Pastor John Choi

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory

The Swan, from “Carnival of the Animals

Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

*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.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Communion is served by intinction. After receiving the bread, please dip it in the cup.)

Music during Communion

Toccata for Communion from “Mass of the Apostles”

Frescobaldi

(1583-1643)

Lauda Spirtuale: “Ogne Homo”

Anonymous Franciscan

Transcribed for organ by Rudy Shackelford

(13th-14th century)

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given
us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your
Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

Onward, Christian Soldiers

UMH 575

*Benediction

Pastor John Choi

*Closing Chorus

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Exodus

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

UMH 122

