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WELCOME EVERYONE! Thank you for worshiping with us!

VOLUNTEERS

Acolytes:	James Hornsby, Mason Bland, John Bell
Media:	Scott Berry, Jeremy Nardozzi, Susannah Hogge, Aidan Dumbrocyo
Altar Guild this month:	Pauline Reimold, Lynne Barnes, Diana Simmons
Liturgist:	Clair Hillard
Trustee Contact this week:	Donna Lane
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STEWARDSHIP	11/15
General Fund	2831.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	55.00
Capital Improvement Fund	145.00
Bazaar Sales Fund	8684.00
ATTENDANCE	11/15
Worship – 8:30 am	27
Worship – 11:00 am	55
Online Worship	128
Total	210



November 22, 2026 **11:00 a.m.**

BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Welcome and Announcements Pastor John Choi

Intrada *" Now Thank We All Our God,"* from *Cantata 79* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Transcribed for organ by Virgil Fox, Based upon UMH 102

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

People everywhere, worship the Lord with gladness.
We come before him with songs of hope and joy.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
Let us give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

***Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *UMH 89*

***Responsive Reading** - Psalm 65: 1-5

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose
and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation.

All: You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Opening Prayer Clair Hillard

Almighty and everlasting God, your will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule, so that through him we may give thanks to you forever; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Anthem *A Simple Thanksgiving* arr. by Joseph Martin

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 *Finale: "The Difficult Decision,"* Ludwig van Beethoven
from *String Quartet No. 16,* Opus 135 (1770-1827)
Transcribed for organ- piano duet by Rudy Shackelford

***Hymn** We Gather Together (vv. 1,2) UMH 131

Prayer for Illumination Clair Hillard

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 Clair Hillard

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

Sermon "By My Own Hand, or by God?" Pastor John Choi

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Triumphal March: "Now Thank We All Our God,"* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
from *Sixty-Six Chorale Improvisations* (1877-1933)

***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** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

***Benediction** Pastor John Choi

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

Exodus *When in Our Music God is Glorified* UMH 68

