

BETHEL UMC MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

We Gather Together In The Lord's Name

Tolling of the Bell and Prelude
Coming of the Light
Welcome and Announcements

Let Us Prepare Our Hearts and Minds for Worship

*Morning Call to Worship:
Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.
We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine – sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.
We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.
We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?
We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

*Hymn of Worship..... “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”..... #89

*Passing The Peace: *Let us offer another signs of reconciliation and love.*

Opening Prayer: *(please join in unison)*
Eternal God, Lord of heaven and earth, we praise you for your greatness. Your wisdom is seen in all your works.

Your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ your Son.

Your presence and power are given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, O Blessed Trinity, we worship and adore you for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalter Reading..... “Psalm 22:25-31”.....#752
“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.”

Children's Moments.....“Jesus Loves Me”.....#191

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word

Epistle Lesson.....1 John 4:7-21
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
*Gospel Lesson.....John 15:1-8
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon..... “Abiding in Christ..... Rev. Ben Rogers

*A Prayer for Spiritual Fruitfulness *(please join in with words in bold)*
Loving Lord, apart from you we can do nothing. With you all things are possible.

Graft us into your true vine, inflow us with your resurrection sap until we become aligned with your direction and destiny.

When the fruits have been picked, our leaves fall, and autumn comes with a chill wind, help us to accept whatever pruning back is needful for your glory.

In the name of Christ through whom all things are possible. Amen!

*Hymn of Faith.....“I Love to Tell the Story”.....#156

The Word of God Comes to Us Through the Holy Spirit

Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles' Creed”.....#881
Gloria Patri.....#70

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory
*Doxology.....#95
*Offertory Prayer

Go and Share the Love of God

*Hymn of Salvation.....“I Need Thee Every Hour”.....#397

*Benediction:
Grant, O Lord, that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
*Postlude

**Please Stand If Able*

^^When our worship ends, our service begins!^^

Prayer Thought of the Week

As spring brings all things new, pray that your heart will be open to the changes you need to make in your life.

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Today is the final day for “Laundry Love!” Thank you for your generosity in bringing quarters to benefit the local laundromats in Winnsboro!
- ❖ **Today-** Administrative Council Meeting (following worship) & Trustees meeting (4pm)
- ❖ During the month of May, “A Cause For Paws” returns as we’ll be collecting items for the Fairfield County Animal Shelter. Inside your bulletin is a shopping list of items for our furry friends. There will be a bin in our sanctuary for items to be placed!
- ❖ **Thursday, May 2-** National Day of Prayer Service (4:30pm at Fortune Spring Park; Bring your lawn chairs and join us for an afternoon prayer service!)
- ❖ **Next Sunday, May 5-** Table Fellowship Sunday (During worship, we will gather at the table for the partaking of the sacrament of Holy Communion) & Bethel Administrative Council Meeting (5:30pm)
- ❖ **Sunday, May 12-** Epworth Children’s Home Annual Mother’s Day Offering (during worship)
- ❖ **Friday, May 17-** Join us for “Film and Fellowship” night at 6:30pm! We’ll gather for a movie and enjoy some delicious snacks. It’ll be a great time of fun and community! See you there!
- ❖ **Saturday, May 18-** “Shall We Gather at Lake Monticello” (10:00am at Hwy 215 Boat Landing; Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a picnic lunch too!!)

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel UMC for the Glory of God by Ms. Joey Beckham.

Pastor Ben will be in Spartanburg tomorrow. Mrs. Doris Leitner is our “PPRC On-Call.” She can be reached at (803) 718-2744.

We Are in Prayer For:

Bethel UMC- Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Sherry Crosby, Billy and Diane Dove, Epworth Children’s Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford, Jerry Arnold, Mary Cathryn Wilson, Joseph Schachner, Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter, Frankie Lewis, Willie Long, Jed Withers, Terry Godfrey, Una Bowers, Jimmy Faile, Family of Jackie Mobley, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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