

**BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 20, 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**

\*Call To Worship

Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

**Where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.**

Welcome to this place – full of music, of words, of prayer,

**Where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.**

Welcome to God's House, the most sacred place in our area:

**Where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call of discipleship.**

\*Hymn of Worship.....“Nothing but the Blood”..... #362

\*Opening Prayer: (*please join in unison*)

**God of wonder and light, we are in awe of your holiness and beauty beyond all measure.**

**You hold our lives in the palm of your hands, speaking love and purpose in our hearts.**

**You fill the universe with your presence, making the stars sing and angels rejoice.**

**Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful is your name! We are yours forever! Amen!**

Psalter Reading.....“Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35”.....#826 & 827  
**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.”**

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**The Promises of God Comes to Us Through The Word**

Old Testament Lesson.....Job 38:1-7, 34-41.....Pg.458

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson.....Hebrews 5:1-10.....Pg.207

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson.....Mark 10:35-45 .....Pg.44

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*Prayer of Confession (*please join in unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that too often we clamor for attention. Me! Me! Look at how important *I* am. That's what our actions say. Like James and John, we pray selfish prayers, for power, for position, for prestige—for what? So that people will say how great we are?

**Teach us that true greatness comes from humble service. Show us how to roll up our sleeves, dig in, and lend a hand; even when no one else will.**

**Preoccupy us with humility, then greatness can come when we least expect it.**

**Give us the grace to live as humble servants. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Faith.....“This Is My Father's World”.....#144

**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

Sermon.....“Faith Focus Sermon Series”.....Rev. Ben Rogers

**Serving Others with a Christlike Heart**

**Go and Share the Love of God**

\*Hymn of Salvation.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....#529

\*Benediction

Beloved, go today in the blessing of Jesus Christ, who challenges us to share our love through service and receive love through service to others, binding us together as a community through holy interdependence. Amen.

\*Postlude

***\*Please Stand If Able***

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

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ **Wednesday, October 23- Bible Study: Book of Jude (6:30pm)**
- ❖ **Friday, October 25- Decorating for Fall Festival (6pm)**
- ❖ **Saturday, October 26- Fall Festival (5pm)**
- ❖ **Sunday, October 27- Missions Collective at Mt. Horeb in Lexington (3-5pm)**  
Come connect, collaborate, encourage, and pray for missions and this new journey as the Global Methodist Church of South Carolina.
- ❖ **Coming this November, we're launching a mission to fight hunger in Fairfield County—join us as we serve up hope, one can at a time! Details next Sunday!**
- ❖ **Sunday, November 3- All Saints Sunday - We honor and remember the faithful believers who have gone before us, celebrating their lives and the lasting impact of their faith.**
- ❖ **Monday, November 4- Bethel Christian Women & Fairfield Christian Men (7pm)**
- ❖ **Wednesday, November 6- Charge Conference (7pm)**
- ❖ **Thursday, November 7- Bethel Covenant Prayer Group (10am)**
- ❖ **Tuesday, November 12- Mature Years (11am) Join us as we dine at Golden Corral!**
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due November 18-25!**

### **Prayer Thought of the Week**

The way we view God impacts how we pray!

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of God by Mrs. Melinda Truesdale.

### **We Are in Prayer For:**

Bob Bazinet, William Bundrick, Billy and Diane Dove,  
Epworth Children's Home, Jackie McDaniel, Greg Robertson, Sheryl Ashford,  
Joseph Schachner, Christian Moore, Teresa Taaffe, Lindsey Gunter,  
Frankie Lewis, Willie Long, Jed Withers, Una Bowers, Huley Perry,  
Mary Cathryn Wilson & Michael "Red" Wilson, Nancy Dail, Amanda Godfrey,  
Family of Robert Davis, Those affected by Hurricane Helene, Brenda Koon,  
Rev. Tony Rowell, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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