

# BETHEL METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

October 27, 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

As we come before God, count your blessings: remember that even on the darkest day, some light has shone through the cloud.

**You, my Lord, I will worship at all times, your praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

As we come before God, we affirm the best blessing of all: Christ Jesus, Brother and Lord, Teacher and Savior.

**My soul boasts in the grace of the Lord, let even the afflicted hear and be glad.**

As we come before God, know you are never alone, for the Spirit of truth is our Friend and Counsellor.

**O magnify the Lord with me, let us rejoice in God's name!**

\*Hymn of Worship....."My Hope Is Built"..... #368

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

**Great God, our most Holy Friend, please awaken every gram of sincerity within us.**

**May we desire you more than anything else, value you above all earthly ambition and treasure, and adore you with a love which is free of deceit or calculation.**

**Through Christ Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Amen!**

Psalter Reading....."Psalm 34".....#769 & 770  
**"O magnify the Lord with me; with me exalt God's name."**

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 42:1-6, 10-17.....Pg.462

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

Epistle Lesson.....Hebrews 7:23-28.....Pg.208

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\*Gospel Lesson.....Mark 10:46-52 .....Pg.44

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

\*Gospel Prayer (*please join in unison*)

**O God, light to the blind and joy to the troubled, in your only begotten Son you have given us a high priest, just and compassionate toward those who groan in oppression and sorrow.**

**Listen to our cry; grant that all may recognize in him the tenderness of your love and walk in the way that leads towards you.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen!**

\*Hymn of Faith....."O How I Love Jesus".....#170

### 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

Overcoming Spiritual Dryness: Distant From God and Faith Feels Stagnant

### Go and Share the Love of God

\*Hymn of Salvation....."Only Trust Him".....#337

\*Benediction

Let us go to be God's blessings in the world.

**With our lips and with our hearts, we will offer hope to all.**

Let us go to be the ears and heart of Jesus.

**Listening to the cries of our sisters and brothers, drawing them into the refuge of grace.**

Let us go with our arms full of the Spirit's gifts.

**Welcoming everyone, every moment of our lives.**

\*Postlude

*\*Please Stand If Able*

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

## **Announcements & Upcoming Events:**

- ❖ **Wednesday, October 30- Bible Study: Book of Jude (6:30pm)**
- ❖ **Battling on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the "Tackle Hunger Challenge: Gamecocks vs. Tigers!" begins! Show your team spirit by placing non-perishable food items in your favorite team's bin. All proceeds will benefit the Fairfield Community Food Bank.**
- ❖ **Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>, we invite you to join in "The 6688 Prayer Journey" as we offer our Praise, Prayers, and Thanksgiving. Please see insert in your bulletin! Daily posts on Facebook will be made and via email too! We invite you to participate!**
- ❖ **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!**
- ❖ **Poinsettia orders are due by November 15th! Each poinsettia is \$12.69, and order forms can be picked up from the back table and given to Mrs. Eunice Hobgood.**
- ❖ **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due November 18-25!**

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

Like the song reminds us to 'Take it to the Limit,' may we trust God beyond our fears and doubts, knowing His grace carries us when we turn to Him in prayer.

The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today at Bethel MCC for the Glory of God by Ms. Kelly Hobgood.

### **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,  
Tiffany Kent, Rev. Tony Rowell, The unity in our county, state, nation, and world

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