

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

DENNIS
UMH 557

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

LEE TURNER

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face; May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

Stewardship is being loyal to your commitment through prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Attendance
Worship 277, Online Worship 563, Sunday School 200

Gifts (*Figures for May 25, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$14,735.50	
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$479,719.35	
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	\$13,219.35	2.83%

Capital Campaign (Figures for May 25, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$750.00
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Ways to Give

Scan this QR Code for PushPay online or text 833.245.8417 to give from your phone!

The alter flowers today are given by Greg and Jennifer Horres to the Glory of God and in honor of Michael and Laurie Ritter's wedding anniversary and in memory of Michael if he forgets their anniversary.

The rose on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Julianne Louise. She is the beloved daughter of Matthew and Nikki Brantley, and little sister to Davis.



Church Contact Information

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Summerville, SC 29483

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Monthly Calendar

After Hours Emergency Contact: (843) 425-1069

Welcome!

We are pleased you joined us in worship.

If you are looking for a church home,

please speak with a member of our clergy or staff.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Liturgist: Mary Lynn Harlow

Greeters: Roanna Payne & Martha Proctor

Communion Servers: Tom & Pam Jeffries

Ushers: Henry Thompson, David Zoellner, Rick Farthing, Kyle Boczkowski



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

Our Care Team is here to support our congregation!

If you know of a congregational care need that requires our attention, please let us know. Sunday School Classes and Bethany members are encouraged to reach out. Contact the church office 843.873.1230 or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

Ascension Sunday

Sunday, June 1, 2025

A Stephen Ministries Congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP

The liturgical color for Ascension is white, celebrating Jesus’ ascension into heaven.
**please stand in body or spirit*

GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*HYMN OF PRAISE
ST. BRENDAN’S
They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.
Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Chorus

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED
UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in
Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into
heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI
Glory Be to the Father
MEINEKE
UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
PSALM 97
OT 551
MARY LYNN HARLOW

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER
Hear My Prayer
CHANCEL CHOIR
MOSSES HOGAN

Oh Lord please hear my prayer; In the morning when I rise.
It’s your servant bound for glory. Oh dear Lord please hear my prayer.

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
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.

DEDICATION

OFFERTORY
Praise His Holy Name
CHANCEL CHOIR
KEITH HAMPTON

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.
Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ryone and there's a cross for me.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy Name!

Hallelujah! Praise His Name! Let us Praise His Name, Hallelujah, Lord!
Praise His Holy Name! Hallelujah Oh, oh- Praise High Holy Name! Praise Him!

*DOXOLOGY
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
LASST UNS ERFREUEN
UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

*GOSPEL LESSON
JOHN 17: 20-26
NT 111
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON
A Common Cause
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

COMMUNION ANTHEM
Hold On!
MAURICE BURGESS, TENOR
HALL JOHNSON

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen