


*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY


*POSTLUDE

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bill Anonie
by Meredith, Ce, and Mary Barton Buddin.



If you or someone you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office or Rev. Isaac Dusenbury.

Scan to learn more about Stephen Ministry



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

Attendance
Worship 303, Online Worship 47, Sunday School 185

Gifts (*Figures for August 31, 2025. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$22,399.00	
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$730,388.40	
*Operating Expense Funding YTD-Deficit(-)/Surplus(+)	-\$47,111.60	-6.06%

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 31, 2025)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$925.00
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Ways to Give
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Church Contact Information

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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: Lynda Gildea

Communion Servers: Roanna Payne & Linda Carter

Ushers: Billy Phillips, Tim McConnell, Leon Fleischauer,
Fred Skipper, Pete Knight, Donna Waite



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

Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



An Order of Sunday Worship

13th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 7, 2025

"Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
for the Transformation of the World."

CALL TO WORSHIP		
<i>The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.</i>		
<i>*please stand in body or spirit</i>		
GATHERING		
CHIMING OF THE TRINITY		
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER UMH 159
*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	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	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	JEREMIAH 18: 1-11	OT 720 LYNDA GILDEA
This is the word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		

PRAYER AND PRAISE		
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER	<i>Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying</i>	KEN MEDEMA
CHANCEL CHOIR		
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	<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	GILBERT MARTIN
CHANCEL CHOIR		
*DOXOLOGY	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	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!		
PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD		
*GOSPEL LESSON	LUKE 14: 25-33	NT 78 REV. MICHAEL RITTER
This is the word of God, for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
SERMON	<i>Cost of Discipleship</i>	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	
<i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request.</i>	
COMMUNION MUSIC	ANNE POOLE
SENDING FORTH	
*HYMN OF INVITATION	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i>
ASSAM	
I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.	
Though none go with me, still I will follow. Though none go with me, still I will follow. Though none go with me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back.	
The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back.	
*BENEDICTION	
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	
<i>Irish Blessing</i>	
May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field; And until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.	