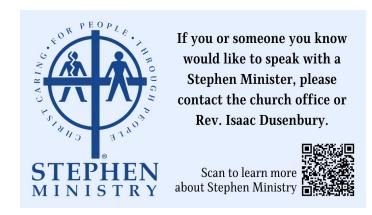
#### \*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### \*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.



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.....

Capital Campaign (Figures for August 31, 2025)

\*Building Contributions Last Week......\$925.00



#### Ways to Give

\$22,399.00

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





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

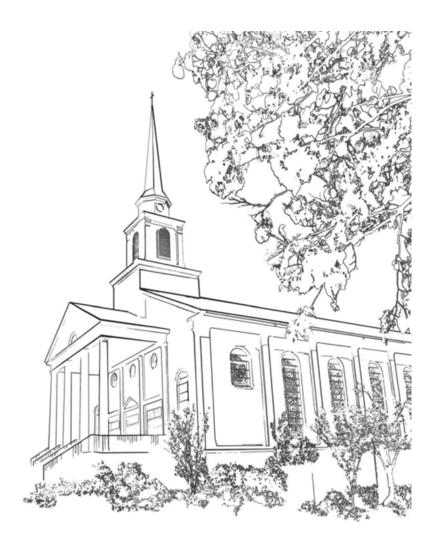
Kyle Boczkowski, Director of Youth and Recreation Ministries

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

The liturgical color for the season of Pentecost is green, representing growth and new life.

\*please stand in body or spirit

**GATHERING** 

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**CRUCIFER** 

*Lift High the Cross* 

**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

MEINEKE

Glory Be to the Father

**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

#### HOLY COMMUNION

#### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying **CHANCEL CHOIR** 

KEN MEDEMA

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** 

GILBERT MARTIN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross **CHANCEL CHOIR** 

\*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

UMH 94

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

#### PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

\*GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON

Thanks be to God.

LUKE 14: 25-33

Cost of Discipleship

NT 78

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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.

#### 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 MUSIC

ANNE POOLE

**ASSAM** 

LEE TURNER

#### SENDING FORTH

#### \*HYMN OF INVITATION

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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

Irish Blessing