



# WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

6:30 AM	Sunrise Worship	Azalea Park
8:30 AM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday School for ALL	For assistance, visit the Welcome Desk
10:15 AM	Butterfly Release	Flowering Cross (front steps of the Sanctuary)
11:00 AM	Word & Table (Contemporary Worship)	Fellowship Hall

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

### Attendance

Worship 335, Online Worship 27, Sunday School 192

### Gifts (\*Figures for March 22, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$59,405.73
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$316,721.76

### Capital Campaign (Figures for March 22, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$13,774.77
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	\$32,617.87

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$40,334.62



### Ways to Give

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

### Church Contact Information

(843) 873-1230 After Hours Emergency  
118 W 3<sup>rd</sup> South Street (843) 425-1069  
Summerville, SC, 29483



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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:** David Powell

**Greeters:** Berlin & Betsy Myers

**Ushers:** Billy Phillips, Tim McConnell, Lelon 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

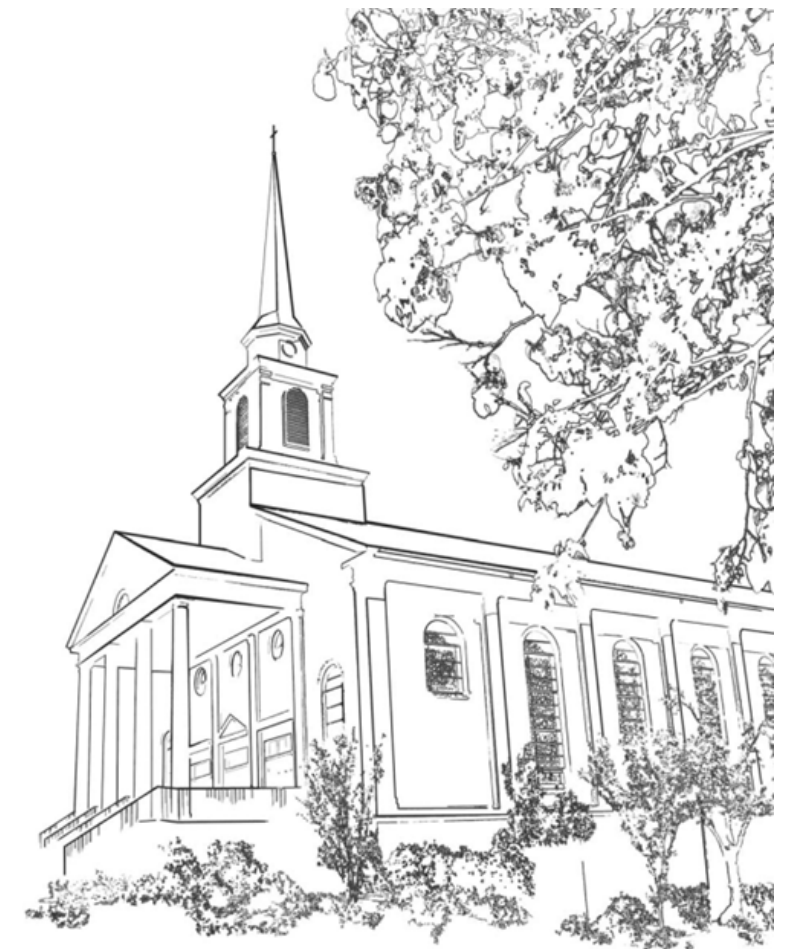
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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 or the after hours emergency phone at 843.425.1069.

## Bethany United Methodist Church

Summerville, South Carolina



## An Order of Sunday Worship

### Palm Sunday

*The liturgical color for the season of Lent is purple, representing a time of penitence, preparation, sacrifice, and prayer.*

Sunday, March 29, 2026

*The altar greens are given today to the glory of God and in honor of our wonderful Bethany staff by Joan and Karl Naugle.*

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the Transformation of the World.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*\*please stand in body or spirit “*

### GATHERING

*Please take a moment. Greet people sitting around you.  
“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some  
have entertained angels unaware.”*

*Hebrews 13:2 (KJV)*

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

KOHLHEPP FAMILY

John 3: 16

Let us think about the sixth nail, remembering how our faith has been weak and we have lacked courage for ministry in Jesus.

**O Lord, You do have mercy. Christ’s light shines on even in our darkness.  
Yes, Lord, You renew us in this hour. Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
lest we forget. Amen.**

### THE DRIVING OF THE NAIL OF REMEMBRANCE

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*All Glory Loud and Honor*

UMH 280  
ST. THEODULPH

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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*

UMH 70  
MEINEK

**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.**

### \*THE PALMS GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 21: 1-11  
NT 23  
DAVID POWELL

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

### ANTHEM

*Shout! Shout Hosanna!*

CHERUB, MELODY & WESLEY CHOIRS  
CHARLES MCCARTHA

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

*E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*

CHANCEL CHOIR  
PAUL MANZ

### 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 ANTHEM

*My Eternal King*

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,  
Nor yet because who love Thee not; Must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;  
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever-loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;  
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95  
OLD 100TH

*(Children are invited to come forward during the singing of the Doxology for Children’s Moment)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

### \*THE PASSION GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 27: 11-54

NT 32  
REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

### SERMON

*Palms*

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

## SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN OF INVITATION

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

UMH 298  
HAMBURG

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Irish Blessing*

LEE TURNER

**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