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Attendance

Worship 304, Online Worship 42, Sunday School 166

Gifts (*Figures for March 29, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$16,174.76
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$332,896.52

Capital Campaign (Figures for March 29, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$195.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date	\$32,812.87

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$42,074.62



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: Rev. Rick Rogers-Berry

Greeters: Shirley Scully and Linda Payne

Ushers: David Huffman, Marion Watson, Steve Davis, Christy Buddin, Jay Buddin



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

Easter Sunday

The liturgical colors for Easter Day are gold and white, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 5, 2026

The altar flowers today are given today to the glory of God and in memory of Marion Thompson, with love by Sadie Thompson.

**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

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

PRELUDE

*INTROIT AND PROCESSIONAL HYMN

UMH, 302

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
verses 1-4*

EASTER HYMN

*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

MEINEKE

**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 FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10: 34-43

NT 129

REV. RICK ROGERS-BERRY

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

ANTHEM

Easter Rejoicing

*Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!
The Lord of life is risen today!
Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way. Alleluia.
Let all the world rejoice and say, “Alleluia, alleluia!”*

*Praise we in songs of victory that love,
that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high, alleluia!*

*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord, the life laid down,
the life restored: alleluia!*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

*The Strife is O'er the Battle Done
verse 4*

Antiphon

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
from death's dread sting thy servants free,
that we may live, and sing to thee:
Alleluia!**

(Antiphon)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

JONATHAN WILLCOCKS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Risen, Hallelujah

*DOXOLOGY

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!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*THE GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 28: 1-10

NT 33

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Love Letter Sent Before Us

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Thine Be the Glory

UMH 308

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*(Anyone who would like to join the Chancel Choir for the choral benediction
please come up during the closing hymn.)*

* BENECTION

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

*CHORAL BENECTION

Hallelujah from Messiah

G.F. HANDEL

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE