

# National Day of Prayer Breakfast

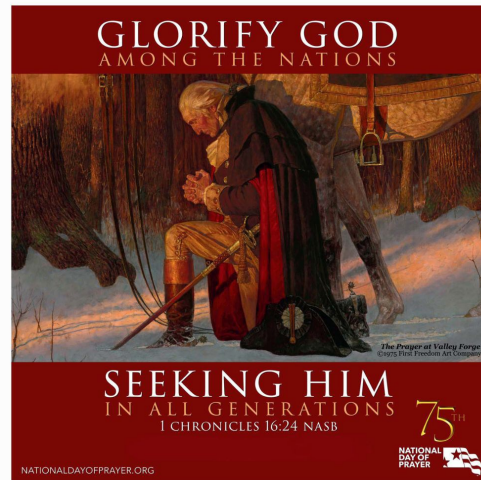
Thursday, May 7

7-8:30am

Fellowship Hall



Tickets \$10  
Guest Speaker:  
Raphael James



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

**Attendance**

Worship 303, Online Worship 35, Sunday School 198

**Gifts** (\*Figures for April 12, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

*Operating Contributions Last Week.....	\$14,689.00
*Operating Contributions Year to Date.....	\$364,085.02

**Capital Campaign** (Figures for April 12, 2026)

*Building Contributions Last Week.....	\$1,525.00
*Building Contributions Year to Date .....	\$35,978.37

**Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts** – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$76,811.88



**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 (843) 425-1069  
118 W 3<sup>rd</sup> South Street  
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:** Rev. Isaac Dusenbury

**Greeters:** Jennifer Bailey & Martha Proctor

**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

3rd Sunday of Easter

*The liturgical color for Eastertide is white,  
celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Sunday, April 19, 2026

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Jim and Julie Parrish.*

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

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*We Know that Christ is Raised*

UMH, 610  
ENLEBERG

#### \*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

1 PETER 1: 17-23  
NT 232  
REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

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

### ANTHEM

*His Robes For Mine*

His robes for mine, O wonderful exchange.  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified,  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

Refrain

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost.  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine, what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting law, Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless, I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.

His robes for mine, God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won.

Refrain

His robes for mine, such anguish none can know  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe,  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone,  
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home.

Refrain

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### CALL TO PRAYER

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

### CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

*Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

**Lord, listen to your children praying**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place**

**Lord, listen to your children praying**

**Send us love, send us power, send us grace**

### 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.**

MEN OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR

DAN FORREST

## DEDICATION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Sweet Rivers*

MEN OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR

REGINAL UNTEREHER

Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just beyond mine eyes  
Had I the pinions of a dove, I’d to those rivers fly  
I’d rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind  
I’d cross o’er Jordan’s stormy wave and leave this world behind.

#### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

*(Children ages K5 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room 214.  
Remember to attach a Children’s Church sticker to your child and pick them up following worship.)*

#### \*THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24: 13-35  
NT 91

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

### SERMON

*On The Road Again*

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

## SENDING FORTH

#### \*HYMN OF INVITATION

*Lord, I Want To Be A Christian*

UMH 402

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

#### \* BENECTION

### 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