

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

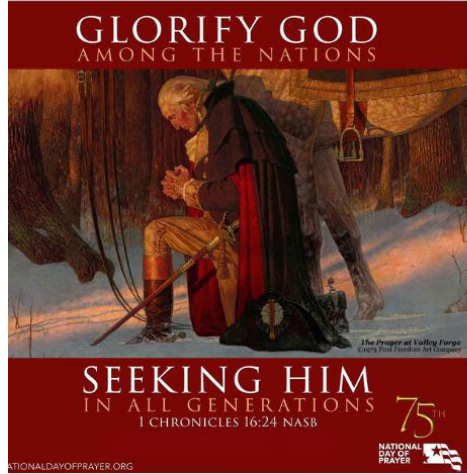
Irish Blessing

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

National Day of Prayer Breakfast



Thursday, May 7

7-8:30am

Tickets \$10

Guest Speaker: Raphael James



Bethany United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
118 West 3rd South Street
Summerville, SC 29483



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

Attendance

Worship 328, Online Worship 31, Sunday School 178

Gifts (\*Figures for April 26, 2026. These figures are unverified.)

\*Operating Contributions Last Week..... \$37,370.75
\*Operating Contributions Year to Date..... \$417,591.52

Capital Campaign (Figures for April 26, 2026)

\*Building Contributions Last Week..... \$3,825.00
\*Building Contributions Year to Date ..... \$40,520.87

Designated Mission and Ministry Gifts – YTD (Non-Budgeted)..... \$82,136.71



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
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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

Musician: Jonathan Kammer, saxophone

Communion Servers: Kennedy Herring, Mack Wheeler, Liv Jarvis, Ann Myers Watson

Liturgist: Rev. Isaac Dusenbury

Greeters: Tommy Yeargin & Kyle Boczkowski

Ushers: Gillis McAllister, Al Lyman, Betsy Myers, Berlin Myers, Dennis Kaltenbach, Toby Spahr, Andrew Sansone



PASTORS

Rev. Michael Ritter, Senior Pastor

Rev. Isaac Dusenbury, Associate Pastor

STAFF

Reagan Lord, Director of Music

Michael Lopez, Organist

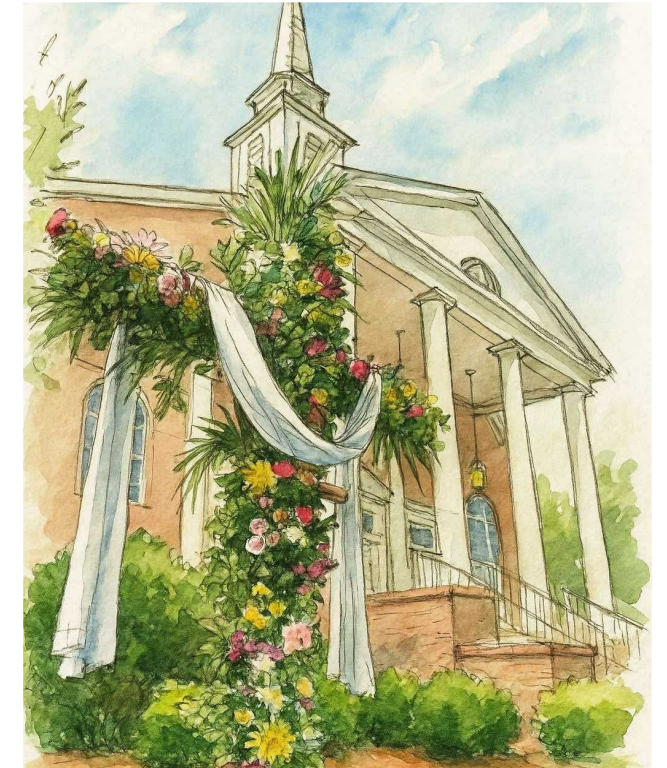
Emily Vick, Director of Christian Education

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

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Janice Lyman from the Lyman family.

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**

*His Eye is On the Sparrow*

SPARROW

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for Heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

**Refrain**

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

**"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,  
and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

**Refrain**

**Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

**Refrain**

**\*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 2: 2-10

NT 233

REV. ISAAC DUSENBURY

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**CALL TO PRAYER**

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

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

BARBARA BASSETT & FRANK MONTERISI, HANDBELLS

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

DONA NOBIS PACEM

**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**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

**For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,**

**Refrain**

**and God will delight when we are creator of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

**For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,**

**Refrain**

**For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong,**

**Refrain**

**For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live,**

**Refrain**

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,**

**Refrain**

**ANTHEM**

*Bread of Heaven*

CHANCEL CHOIR

KAREN MARROLI

**PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

**\*THE GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 14: 1-14

NT 108

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

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

**SERMON**

*Maps Versus GPS*

REV. MICHAEL RITTER

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

ANNE POOLE

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

*Gluten-free wafers available upon request.*

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

*The Summons*

KELVINGROVE

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded man see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell that fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go; where your love and footsteps show,  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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