

Bethel United Methodist Church
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
July 8, 2018 11:15am

Gathering

Prelude
 Coming of the Light

Greeting and Welcome

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The risen Christ is with us.

People: Praise the Lord!

Announcements: Life and Work of the Community

*Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art”.....#77

*Psalter.....Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God;

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

Then the kings assembled, they marched together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded, they were in panic, they took to flight;

trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,

as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory. Let Mount Zion be glad,

let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers,

consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation,

“This is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.”

Amen.

*Hymn.....“Glory Be to the Father”.....#71

Young People’s Message

Anthem.....“Great is Thy Faithfulness” BUMC Chancel Choir

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Epistle Lesson.....II Corinthians 12:2-10

*Hymn.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....#400

Gospel Lesson.....Mark 6:1-13

Sermon.....“Faith in the Face of Rejection”

Response

*Hymn.....“Open My Eyes, That I May See”.....#454

*Affirmation of Faith.....“The Apostles’ Creed”.....#881

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

*Passing the Peace

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology.....#95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn.....“Here I am, Lord”.....#593

*Dismissal with Blessing- Benediction

*Going Forth of the Light

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able*

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday:

II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Bethel United Methodist Church is to make each and every man, woman, and child whom we reach aware of God's love for them as it revealed to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and to give them an opportunity to worship and to serve our Lord.

The Churches Are in Prayer For:

Monticello UMC- Wyllene Boulware, Allen Brock, Sammie Burley, Margaret DeHart, Noelani Dirnbauer, Lenny Goldman, Luther Gunter family, Sandra Harrison, Virgil Harrison family, Carolyn Hinson, Ray Kiser, Kevin Knight, Kenny Martin, Audrey Miles, Brian Pipkin, Will Pope, Alex Rabb, Margaret Robinson, Marion Robinson, Sybil Robinson, Carole Sankbeil, Bruno Schrieber, James Shugart, Peggy Steller, Betty Tanner

Bethel UMC- Betty Jo Beckham, William Bundrick, Karolina Burnette, Chas Dixon, Margaret Gardner, Herb Hobgood, Stephen Keller, Ella Kate Leitner, Frankie Lewis, Janette Mann family, Jackie McDaniel, Sherrill Perry, Grayson Shealy, unity in our county, state, nation, and world.

The Fairfield Circuit United Methodist Churches welcome all who enter to worship here. Our prayer is that you find us churches of “open hearts, open minds, open doors.” If you are visiting and looking for a church to call your home, this Fairfield Circuit church invites you to prayerfully consider our family of faith. If you are a member of another United Methodist congregation or a baptized member of another denomination, we will be delighted to receive you by transfer of letter. If you have not been baptized, we would rejoice to have you proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ and begin your Christian journey with us. We welcome all requests to consider membership and we are more than happy to visit with you at your invitation.

About the Pastor:

After three years in North Carolina at Duke Divinity School, I am excited to return to South Carolina. I was raised in Blythewood, SC and completed my undergrad at The Citadel. My fiancé and I are recently engaged (I proposed on the beach in Kiawah Island and she said yes!) and she will be making the move to SC this summer in hopes of continuing her elementary teaching career. We are both thrilled to join the Bethel and Monticello communities and look forward to getting to know you all!

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