

The Lenten Sermon series will take place at St. James UMC on April 6th at noon. Rev. Michelle Cockcroft will be the preacher.

Spring break is April 4-8. We will not have Wednesday night fellowship on April 6th.

The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen is requesting packaged Easter baskets with plastic eggs, candy and plastic grass. Baskets may be dropped off at the Soup Kitchen or at Bethel for delivery.

Prayer Requests

Art Hartzog
Eric Robertson
Marion Robertson
Mike White
Richard Strawhorn
Curtis Anderson
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Nancy White
Don O'Dell
Carolyn O'Dell
Betty Cannon
Dot Robuck
Rick Gray



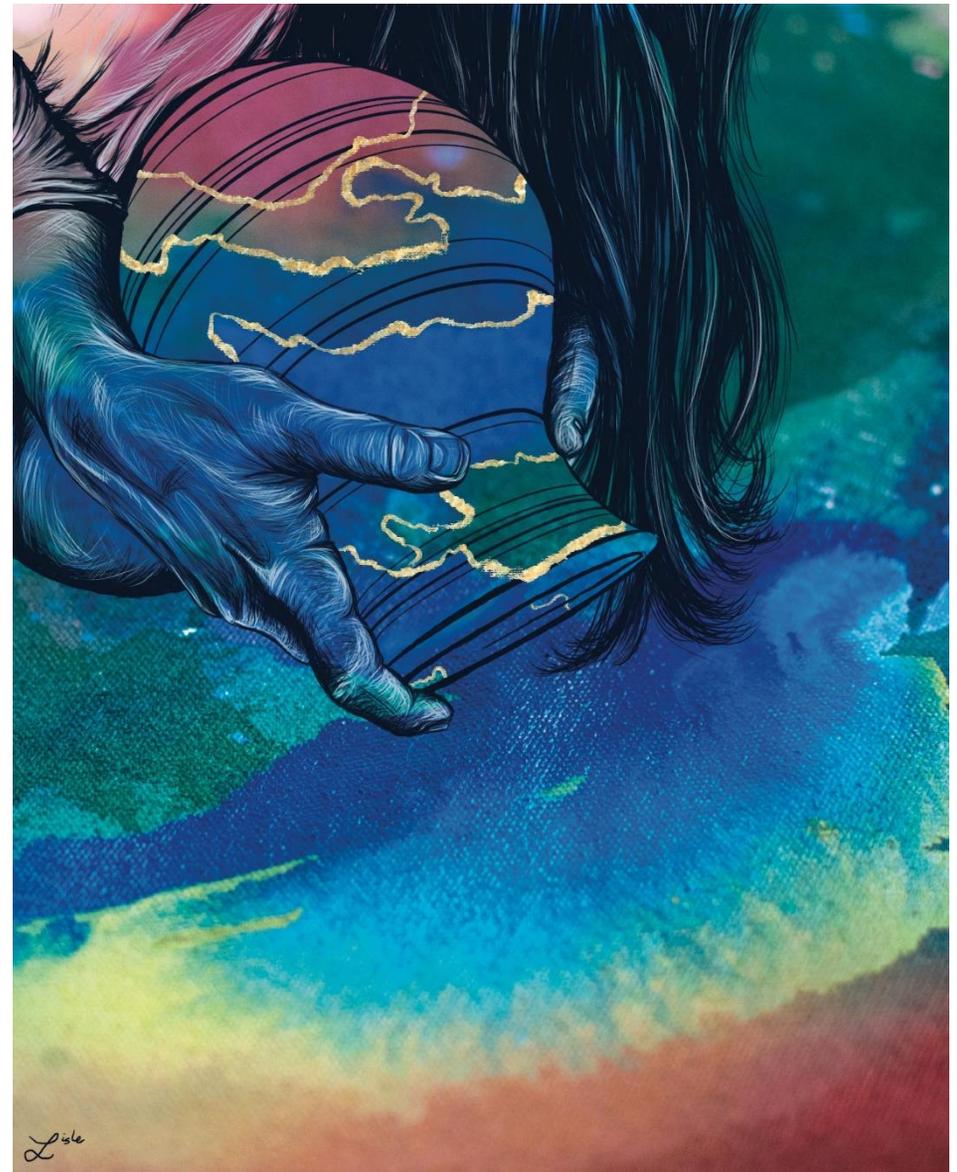
Scan for our website

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray <i>Executive Pastor</i>	Megan Gray <i>Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging</i>	Chad Deetz <i>Youth Minister</i>	Adam Rollins <i>Youth Ministry Assistant</i>
Dale Fischer <i>Director of Music</i>	Jana Mathis <i>Director of Children's Ministries</i>	Jennifer Bartless <i>Children's Ministries Assistant</i>	Kristine Lee <i>Organist</i>



“Brazen Beauty” | Inspired by John 12: 1-8
By Hannah Garrity

To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, Bethel UMC, the House of God, opens her doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, “Welcome!”

April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude

“Spring” from Four Seasons

arr. Hal M. Hopson

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

May we find courage here – **courage to follow our call, courage to live our faith.**

May we find hope here – **hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

May we find truth here – **truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

May we find all that we seek. **And in seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH 92

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“In the Singing”
Sanctuary Choir

arr. John Helgen

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

UMH 175

During the final verse of the hymn, you are invited to the altar rail to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer as we move to a time of prayer. All are welcome.

Pastoral Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

John 12: 1-8

Sermon

“Brazen Acts of Beauty”

Rev. Brad Gray

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes, we are Christian, yes, we believe, yes, this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things we pray, amen.

*Hymn

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

UMH 172

As we close out our worship service in song, know that the altar rail is always open for you to come and pray, offering a word for someone else, re-committing your heart to God, or to come for the first time to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Come as you feel led.

Benediction

Postlude

“Great Are You, Lord”

Steve Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A nursery is available on the First Floor for infants and children under 3 years.

After Children’s Time, preschool and kindergarten are invited to **Wee Church** in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Mark Mahaffey

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God.