

We want to lift the spirits of those unable to be in church with us today. Please help by picking up care cards in the sanctuary. The cards are already addressed and stamped – just write a brief note and drop it in the mail. Thank you for extending your prayers and love to our homebound and others in need.

Help us tackle hunger! Today, students from the Youth Ministry will be holding giant soup pots at the exits of today's service to collect donations for the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Make checks payable to Bethel, just write Souper Bowl in the memo line. You can also give online at bethelumcspartanburg.org.

Next Sunday is Camp Sunday - we will talk with Sarah Moseley who is the Summer Camp Director at Asbury Hills.



Invite. Grow. Send.

Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett
Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Richard Davenport
Rick Gray
Vickie Gray
Brian Handel
Cathy Hanks

Art Hartzog
David Holder
W. Ashley Long
Carolyn O'Dell
Rita Petoskey
Jerry Reitzel
Eric Robertson
Linda Seifert



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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>

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!"

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *“Praeludium, OP. 87, No. 3”* Simon Sechter

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Are you awake? Are you alert?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Are you watching the signs?

Are you interpreting what is happening today?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Do you see opportunities for ministry?

Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the need?

Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.

Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.

Christ has extended the invitation:

Let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* UMH 384

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* UMH 881

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalms 119: 1-8, 33-48* UMH 841

Offering

Offertory *“Jeremiah 29:11”* arr. Brian Hilt
Children’s Choir

*Doxology *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH 95

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children’s Time

Hymn of Preparation *“Grace Greater than Our Sin”* UMH 365
During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.

Time of Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *“Psalm 23”* Heather Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 5: 21-37
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *“The Heart of the Matter”* Rev. Brad Gray

*Hymn *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”* UMH 453

*Benediction

*Postlude *“You Are My All in All”* Dennis L. Jernigan

**Please stand if able*

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** and 1st through 5th grade are invited to **Children’s Church**, both in the Children’s Wing.

Ushers: Blair Mathis, John Hiltgen, Mike Woodrum & Andy Cannon

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Bill Hill’s 70th birthday by Martha Hill.