

**Today we give to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering!** Today our church will receive the Annual Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. **Please make your checks out to Bethel with Epworth in the memo line.** You can find more information about Epworth Children's Home at [epworthchildrenshome.org](http://epworthchildrenshome.org).

Our guest preacher today is Rev. Martha Timmons. Martha is an ordained deacon in the UMC serving in two extension ministries within our community. She works at PS I Love You Ministries as the Resource Closet Manager and oversees the needs of foster children as they enter the foster care system and helps provide resources to the families that serve them. Martha also works with the local Children's Advocacy Center where she works with the community on preventative education training on abuse and training on how to respond responsibly to abuse. She has a strong passion for helping children find hope and healing, as well as advocating for children in our community.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, several upcoming weeks are available. Altar flowers are \$55. Please contact Shannon, Tuesday – Friday, in the church office at 585-4801 or [bethelumcspartanburg@gmail.com](mailto:bethelumcspartanburg@gmail.com).



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## Prayer REQUESTS

Martha Barnett	Art Hartzog
Arthur Cummings	David Holder
Mary Cummings	Toni Holder
Libby Davenport	Carolyn O'Dell
HJ Fleming	Jerry Reitzel
Mary Hall	Layne Stone
Cathy Hanks	

### 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 &amp; 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!"*

May 14, 2023

Mother's Day/ UWF Sunday  
11:00 AM Worship Service

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Hymn of Preparation

*"Pass It On"*

UMH 572

*During the hymn, you are invited to the altar to join the pastor in assuming a posture of prayer. All are welcome.*

Prayers of the People

Debbie Locke

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Prelude

*"Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

arr. Larry Wolz

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem

*"A Christian Home"*  
Sanctuary Choir Women

Sibelius/Barbara Hart

\*Call to Worship

Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness  
and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope.

**Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.**

Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory,  
and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

**Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.**

Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs  
of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

**Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all.**

**Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

John 14: 15-21

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*"Love One Another"*

Rev. Martha Timmons

\*Hymn

*"Because He Lives"*

UMH 364

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*"Be Exalted, O God"*

Brent Chambers

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Hymn

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

UMH 529

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hattie Haulbrook

\*Gloria Patri

UMH 71

\*Psalter Reading

*Psalms 66*  
UMH 790

Maureen King

Offering

Offertory

*"I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"*  
Peggy Parrott and Tracie Wilkin

Baynard Fox

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Anna Kay Pitts

*\*Please stand if able*

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to **Children's Church**, both in the Children's Wing.

**Ushers and Greeters:** Linda Handell, Linda Simcox, Judy Martin, Nancy Hope, Nancy Barkman & Donna Bailey

**Altar Flowers:** The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of all mothers by Barry and Nancy Romano.