Rev. Paige Wolfe is an ordained deacon in the SC conference. She currently serves at Central UMC in Spartanburg and as the Director of Caregiver Support at Fostering Great Ideas. Paige grew up in Seneca, SC. She is a graduate of Wofford College and Emory's Candler School of Theology. Paige's call to ministry has taken various forms over the years but has been grounded in the call to bridge the church and the world. Most recently, her experience as a foster and adoptive parent has shaped her vocation in faith formation and community support. Paige and her husband, Rev. Andrew Wolfe, are the proud parents of four amazing children. In her free time, Paige enjoys going on family adventures, playing pickleball, thrifting and being outdoors.

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children of Epworth Children's Home. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. ***Please make your checks out to Bethel and write Epworth in the memo line***. You can also give online through our website. For more information about Epworth, go to epworthchildrenshome.org.

Prayer Requests

Beth Brewer
Gary Brewer
Arthur Cummings
Mary Cummings
Lisa Durham
HJ Fleming
Cathy Hanks
David Holder
Toni Holder
Andew Reitzel
Jerry Reitzel
Maxine Reynolds
Fred Robinson
Jake Sawyer
Layne Stone

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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

Brad Gray *Executive Pastor*	Megan Gray *Pastor of Discipleship & Belonging*	Chad Deetz *Youth Minister*
Dale Fischer *Director of Music*	Jennifer Bartless *Coordinator of Children's Ministry*	Dr. Kristine Lee *Organist*

United Women in Faith

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 12, 2024 **7th Sunday of Easter**

11:00 AM Worship Service

Prelude *"Cleansing Fountain"* Edward Broughton

Trinity Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship
Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!
We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.
Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.
We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.
How will you share God's love with the world?
By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.
Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!
Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.

*Passing of the Peace

*Hymn *"How Firm a Foundation"* UMH 529

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

*Gloria Patri UMH 71

*Psalter Reading *Psalm 1* UMH 738

Offering

Offertory *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* arr. William Smith
Peggy Parrott and Tracie Wilkin

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Children's Time

Hymn of Preparation *"On Eagle's Wings"* UMH 143
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
Leader: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us pray.

Anthem *"He Keeps Me Singing"* arr. Skipper and Pethel
Sanctuary Choir Women

Scripture Reading John 17: 6-19
Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *"Into the World"* Rev. Paige Wolfe

*Hymn *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* UMH 396

*Benediction

*Postlude *"As the Deer"* Martin Nystrom

United Women in Faith serving in Worship

Donna Bailey	Becky Griffith	Maureen King
Nancy Barkman	Linda Handell	Beth Martin
Karen Cannon	Peggy Horner	Sheila Worley
Marilyn Culverhouse	Diana Johnson	

**Please stand if able*

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

After Children's Time, preschool through 5th grade is invited to **Children's Church** in the Children's Wing.

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers, Shirley Terry and Grace Craig, by Andy and Jane Burns.