

LIVE AS FREE PEOPLE,
 BUT DO NOT USE
 YOUR FREEDOM AS A
 COVER-UP FOR EVIL;
 LIVE AS GOD'S SLAVES. SHOW PROPER
 RESPECT TO EVERYONE, LOVE THE FAMILY
 OF BELIEVERS, FEAR GOD,
 AND RESPECT THE KING. 1 PETER 2:16-17



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP · JULY 2ND 2023 · 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements Brian Lee

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Brian Lee

Call to Worship Brian Lee

Leader: Freedom is coming!

People: We can here it in the voices of the oppressed.

Leader: Hope is coming!

People: We can see it in the eyes of all of those who despair.

Leader: Friends, our one and true living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ is present and here with us today!

Everyone: Thanks be to God for His grace, for we count on Christ's presence with us, to guide us, heal us, and uplift our spirits daily.

We are truly blessed to be free in Him! AMEN

† *Opening Hymn* *The Star Spangled Banner*

† *Prayer of Confession* Brian Lee

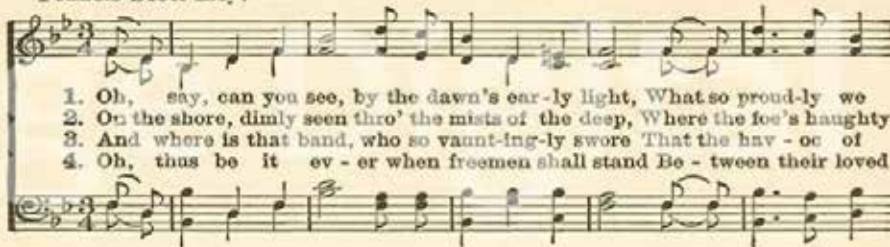
Gracious and loving God, we ask for your help, your power, and your spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of our Lord Jesus. We confess that we fear what is different, we confess that change of heart is difficult. Remind us Lord, that it was a change of heart in you that has set us free. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love. Today, as we celebrate our freedoms both in our nation, but also in you, we ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all that we do and say, especially as free Christians who are blessed to live in the nation founded under God. Today Lord, we declare all of this, both in confession, and in Your glory. Amen.

† *Moment of Silent Confession* Brian Lee

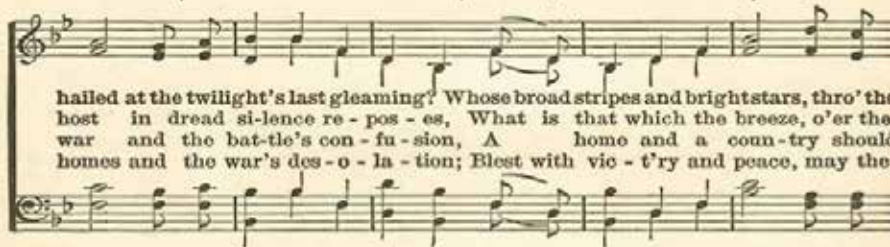
† Assurance of Forgiveness	Brian Lee
Children's Time	Freedom {Galatians 5:1} Derek Almarode
Prayer of Illumination	Derek Almarode
Scripture Reading {Galatians 5:1-13}	Derek Almarode
Sermon	Independence Derek Almarode
† Hymn of Reflection	America the Beautiful
† Acknowledgment of Our Faith	Brian Lee
<p><i>With immense gratitude and respect to God Almighty, empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, as believers in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we strive to serve Him in our daily walk in life. We work diligently, to live holy and joyful lives, as we watch for tomorrow which we know will bring God's new heaven and new earth. Today, as faithful followers of God's ministry, we rejoice in knowing that nothing in this life, including our death can separate us from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Father, may our time spent here this morning together, be found pleasing to you, and may you receive all the Glory in all that we do as your disciples. For by your love, and the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen</i></p>	
Joys, Concerns & Offering	Derek Almarode & Brian Lee
Pastoral Prayer of the People.	Derek Almarode
Closing Hymn	My Country Tis of Thee
Charge and Benediction	Derek Almarode



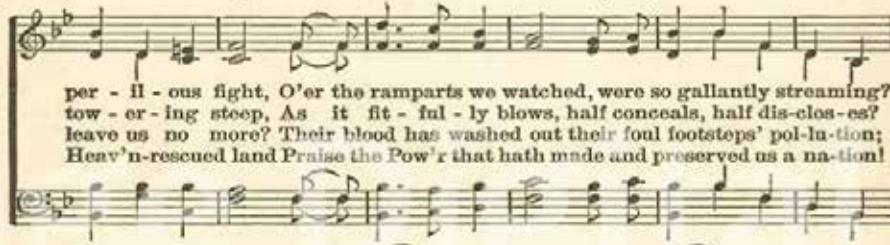
Francis Scott Key.



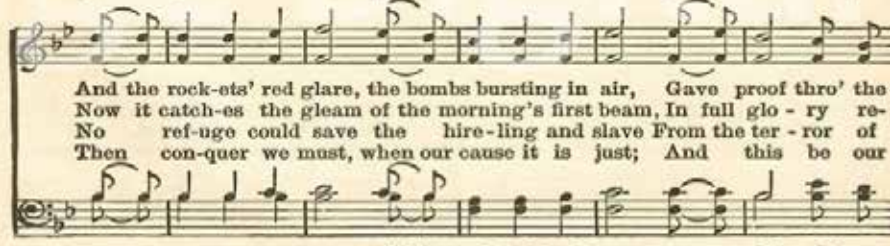
1. Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light, What so proud-ly we
2. On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty
3. And where is that band, who so vaunt-ing-ly swore That the hav - oc of
4. Oh, thus be it ev - er when freemen shall stand Be - tween their loved



hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
host in dread si-lence re - pos - es, What is that which the breeze, o'er the
war and the bat-tle's con - fu - sion, A home and a coun - try should
homes and the war's des - o - la - tion; Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the



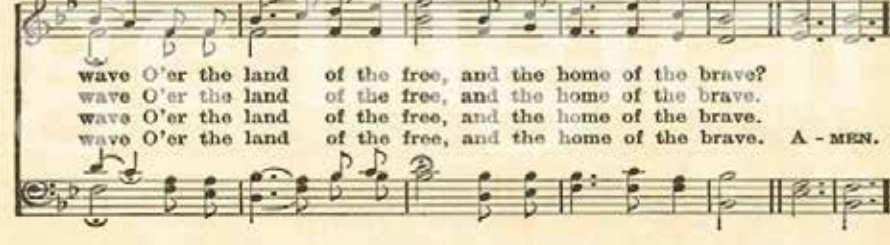
per - il - ous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
tow - er - ing steep, As it fit - ful - ly blows, half conceals, half dis - clos - es?
leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pol - lu - tion;
Heav'n - rescued land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!



And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the
Now it catch - es the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glo - ry re -
No ref - uge could save the hire - ling and slave From the ter - ror of
Then con - quer we must, when our cause it is just; And this be our



f CHORUS.
night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that star - spangled ban - ner yet
flect - ed, now shines on the stream: 'Tis the star - spangled banner; oh, long may it
flight or the gloom of the grave. And the star - spangled banner in tri - umph doth
mot - to: "In God is our trust!" And the star - spangled banner in tri - umph shall



wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?
wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.
wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.
wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave. A - MEN.



BIBLE STUDY
AT BETHEL

EVERY THUR
@ 6:30

30 LESSON
STUDY ON THE
BOOK OF ACTS

JOIN US
ONE THURSDAY
OR
ALL OF 'EM!



America, the Beautiful

PATRIOTIC

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B \flat F B \flat F7

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

B \flat F Fdim F C7 F F7

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 a thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat a-cross the wil-der-ness!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

B \flat F sus F B \flat F7 E \flat F7 B \flat

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,

B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat N.C. F7 B \flat

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-ery gain di-vine!
 and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!

WORDS: Katharine L. Bates (1859-1929)
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)

MATERNA
 C.M.D.



ECO

As a Presbyterian church, ECO adheres to Reformed theology and Presbyterian polity. The acronym represent ECO's three-fold commitment to make disciples of Jesus Christ (*Evangelical*), connect leaders through accountable relationships and encourage collaboration (*Covenant*), and commit to a shared way of life together (*Order*).

337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of the
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our *fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.

PRAYER REQUESTS OR CHANGES

If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact:

Tammy Barbour

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Ellen Fitzgerald

@ 540-292-2914

To keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen or the Office has been notified otherwise.

LET'S HAVE
SOME
INDEPENDENCE DAY
FELLOWSHIP!

RIDE ON THE
BETHEL FLOAT
OR WALK ALONGSIDE IT
IT'LL BE FUN!!

JULY 4TH

Happy Birthday
America
Parade
at Gypsy Hill
Park

SERVING CHRIST AT BETHEL WILL BENEFIT YOU!!

Each of us have our own individual needs and reasons for participating in church life. Even though we may not know you personally, we believe that God knows you and loves you. He can direct your life as you draw nearer to Him. One way to grow closer to Him is attending Bethel.



Here are a few benefits of worshipping with us:

- Maybe you're struggling with a specific question or need some direction in your life. Maybe you just need to feel God's love and know that He is here. We assure you that God is here and we promise that you can find him here as you experience His presence.
- Jesus commanded, "This is my body broken for you, take, eat, do this in remembrance of me". Here at Bethel, we take part in the Lords table and so can you.
- What we learn at church gives us guidance on how to follow God, improves our spirituality, and live better lives. You can be uplifted here at Bethel by fellow believers and by the opportunity to serve and worship our Savior.
- Church is a community where we can socialize and support each other. You can make friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network that you can rely on. Here at Bethel we are family, welcome home!
- Bethel is home to many! We worship Christ daily in our actions and our deeds. Christ leads us to find those lost to His word. We believe we are called to serve Him in all that we do. Bethel and the family here serve as the foundation to our spiritual life. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we learn the following, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and do good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

lift up in prayer

Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family

Bill Brubeck | Joyce Davis | Charlie Johnson | Ronnie Wilson

John Pilson | Jane Law | Louise Hoy | Bunny Hearn

Skyler Harris | John & Stephanie Davis | Rodger Harris

John Sproul | Joe Heizer | Eddie Sensabaugh

Lyle Sweet | Jarod Davis | Jerry Pendley & Jerry Pendley, Jr

Sympathy & Condolences

FAMILY and FRIENDS of the FOLLOWING:

Bill Ross | Garret Cassell | Jack Turner | Joe Condro

Mike Houff | Paul Shreeves | Odell Smith

A MESSAGE FROM THE PULPIT

It is Summertime at Bethel, and what a season we have planned. Come one, come all. We are very pleased to announce Summer Church! Worship is every Sunday morning at the Chapel weather permitting. Remember, temperature, isn't inclement weather. Just around the corner in July we will be sharing traditional communion services with all who come to the Lord's table. Lots of activities planned for this summer so please don't miss out. As always, our doors are open, and we welcome all!

Communion Sunday July 9, 2023

Bible Study - In Acts 2 we learn that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit onto the disciples of Jesus was empowering. As his disciples today, our words and actions also bear witness to Jesus, and the Holy Spirit touches hopeless, hungry, and hurting hearts through us! During this season God wants to grow His Church by deepening our walk with Christ, and to grow His Church by receiving those who seek to know God through Christ. Friends, the image of our Heavenly Father is within us and we are pleased to have others see God in us.

Independence Day - For the July 4th weekend we will honor our country with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, and by singing, "God Bless America" at our service on Sunday July 2, 2023. Also we will have a parade float again this year at Gypsy Hill. Come join us and help us praise God for His work in us and in our country. Friends, we are valued because we are God's creation, knowing this we have purpose and reason to respect and care for others, just as God cares for us. God wants to use you and me to reveal Himself to someone who needs His grace, forgiveness, and hope of everlasting life. No better time than now to bring someone to the Lord. Galatians 5:1 So, Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.

Summer Bible Camp - Bethel will again be hosting a one-day Summer Bible Camp. We had great success with our event last year and so we have decided to kick it off again. Details will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins.

It is an honor to serve as your shepherd, we know that time always brings about change. I am so thankful for the positive changes here at Bethel, and for all the hard work of the officers and members. All of you are simply top-notch folks. To our community and our friends, I invite each of you to visit with us and see the great things that we are doing here. We would love to hear from you and see you anytime. Enjoy your summer, be safe and God's blessings to you.

In Christ, Derek

25TH
JUNE

ATTENDANCE

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A Covenant Order
of Evangelical
Presbyterians

welcome
HOME

ELDER ON CALL

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WEEKLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT

Estimated Weekly Budget
\$3,127.00

Offering for June 4th
\$1,319.09





UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, July 4th - Happy Birthday America Parade

AT GYPSY HILL PARK

RIDE ON THE FLOAT OR WALK ALONGSIDE!!

Sunday, July 9th - 11:00

COMMUNION - WORSHIP INSIDE

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, July 16th - Summer Bible Camp

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP

Saturday, July 22nd

DINNER AND A MOVIE

Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming

Sunday, September 24th -

Last Sunday in Outside Worship

Every Thursday - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL

30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

Dinner
AND A MOVIE Hosted by the
Men of the Church Saturday, July 22nd

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday
of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month.

ELDERS

Dave Schooley
CLERK OF SESSION
&F CO-CHAIR

Cindy Almarode
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, CHAIR
MODERATOR, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Derek Almarode
TRANSITION CHAIR
TEMPORARY SUPPLY PASTOR

Tammy Barbour
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
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Penny Lee
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&F CO-CHAIR

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Tim Turner
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Ellen Fitzgerald

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Harleigh Lee

Katie McElveen

D.W. Miller

TRUSTEES

Guy D. Brooks

Bill Brubeck

Charlie Johnson

Billy Wade

James Williams

CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley
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BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Lois Stogdale
DISBURSING TREASURER

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

John & Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS

Carol & Puggie Sprouse
CUSTODIANS