

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 5, 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

## Gathering

*As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained Angels unaware."*

## Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.*

## Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

*And also with you.*

The risen Christ is with us.

*Praise the Lord!*

## \*Hymn of Praise

UM Hymnal No. 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## \*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 95

## \*Scripture Lesson

Acts 27: 13-32

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Sermon

"Perfect Storm"

Rev. Mark Barnes

## Invitation

## Prayer of Humble Access

**We do not presume to come to this table,**

**O merciful Lord,**

**trust our own righteousness,**

**but in thy manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy**

**so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.**

**But thou art the same Lord,**

**whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
that we may walk in newness of life,  
may grow into his likeness,  
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

## Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!*

*Glory to God. Amen.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## Breaking the Bread

## Giving the Bread and Cup

## Prayer after Receiving

**Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world**

**in the strength of your Spirit,**

**to give ourselves for others,**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## \*Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal No. 377

*It Is Well With My Soul*

## \*Benediction

## \*Benediction Response

**Irish Blessing**

**May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,  
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your  
field; And until we meet again, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.**

## \*Postlude

\* Please stand

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.*

## Announcements

### **Wednesday Night BNOW**

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The meal for this week (**Feb. 8**) will be chicken tenders, mac and cheese, hot vegetable and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. Meals are \$8 for Adults, \$6 for Seniors (over 65) and \$4 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$20 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household). Meal reservations are no longer required.

### **Tech Ministries Work Day**

There will be a Technical Ministries work day on Saturday, February 11 starting at 8:30am. If you have free time, please come out and lend a hand. No experience is necessary.

### **New Member Sunday**

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, Feb. 19** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or [jsehart@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehart@bethany-umc.com).

### **Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services**

Ash Wednesday, **February 22**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am and noon in Spell Chapel and 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Wednesday night Lenten services (Mar.1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

### **Bereavement Team**

Bethany's Bereavement Team is in need of volunteers. We prepare and serve a meal for the family after a funeral. You can assist in setting tables, plating desserts, preparing beverages and buffet tables, clean up tables as well as preparing a food item. Please call Shirley Scully at 843.329.2447 and let us know how you would like to help!

### **Stephen Ministry**

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6  
You can unload your worries by talking them out with a trained Stephen Minister. Accept this gift of a caring, listening and non-judgmental friend. Please reach out today with a note placed in the "Care Mail" boxes in the Sunday School building; or give a call to one of these: for women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 for men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.



***Bethany United Methodist Church***  
***Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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