

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269

***The Responsive Reading**~ **Psalm 32: 1-8** UMH 766

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered

**Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";
then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let those who are godly
offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress, the rush of great waters
shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me,
you preserve me from trouble;
you encompass me with deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you
the way you should go;**

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

There is a Higher Throne
Spell Ensemble

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Scripture Lesson

Matthew 4: 1-11

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Showdown in the Desert

Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication** When I Survey the Wonderous Cross UMH 298

*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

Lenten Services

Join us this Lenten season with Wednesday night Lenten services (**Mar.1, 8, 15, 22 & 29**) at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

Calling all Healthcare Professionals

Bethany in conjunction with our new Safety and Assistance Committee, setting up an emergency is setting up an emergency response team that will be available during worship and Sunday school times (8 am-1230 pm). As part of the emergency response team, we are asking any healthcare trained individuals that are interested and willing to consider being part of the team. We would like to have 1 or 2 healthcare trained individuals who are willing to be on standby for each service and during the Sunday school hour.

Our definition of a healthcare trained individual is a Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Nurse, EMT, and Paramedic. If you are willing to share as part of this team, please reach out to Roanna Payne at roanna1958@bellsouth.net.

Wednesday Night BNOW

BNOW will continue during Lent with dinner, Children's Activities and Lenten Worship. Dinner will be from 5-6 pm, with Children's Activities starting at 6 pm. Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

The meal for this week (**March 1**) will be homemade pizza (cheese, pepperoni, supreme) and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Spiritual Growth. Meal reservations are no longer required.

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 SS 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.

Ecuador Mission Trip

Ever wondered what we do on our Ecuador Mission Trips or what goes into the planning of an international mission trip? Been curious what it is like to participate on a mission trip, wondered if you could do it, or what is required to participate? There is an informational meeting Sunday, March 5 at 10am in Room 126. In addition to sharing past experiences and accomplishments, we will be discussing what we expect to be working on this year as well as do some group planning to discuss dates, possible travel itineraries and any other items as it relates to this year's trip. If you would like more information but are unable to attend the meeting, reach out to Stephen Bishop 843.696.6938 or f1skier@comcast.net.



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

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