

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 12, 2023  
Third 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            Jesus, Lover of My Soul            UMH 479

\*The Responsive Reading~            Psalm 95: 1-11            UMH 814

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great Ruler above all gods,  
in whose hands are the depths of the earth  
and also the heights of the mountains.  
**The sea belongs to God who made it,  
and the dry land, because God formed it.**  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**  
For the Lord is our God,  
**we are the people of God's pasture,  
the sheep of God's hand.**  
Hear the voice of the Lord today!  
Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your forebears tested me,  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
**For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who err in heart,  
and they do not regard my ways."**

Therefore I swore in my anger  
that they should not enter my rest.

## \*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            I Am His Child  
Bethany Crusaders

\*Doxology            UMH 95

\*Scripture Lesson            John 4: 7-30, 42  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Sermon            Living Water            Rev. Mark Barnes

\*Hymn of Dedication    Precious Lord, Take My Hand    UMH 474

## \*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. 15, 22 & 29) at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.

### **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 15) will be Cavatina casserole, garlic bread, salad bar and pizza rolls for the kids. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Sam Wood. Meal reservations are no longer required.

### **The "Last Supper" Comes to Life During Holy Week**

Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper* will come to life on **Maundy Thursday, April 6** and **Good Friday, April 7 at 7:30pm**. The Sanctuary will be transformed into the Upper Room and the disciples will be gathered around the table. Each disciple will reflect on their life, their call to be with Jesus, and wonder if they will be the one to betray Him.

Attendance is free, but tickets are required. Ticket distribution begins **TODAY** and will continue on Sunday mornings in the Narthex and near the coffee area. Wednesday evenings, tickets will be available at the dinner payment table. You can contact Emily Vick during business hours to pick up tickets, or reserve them online through the Bethany website.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as ushers for the performances. If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact Emily Vick.

### **2023 VBS**

Bethany's 2023 VBS Hero Hotline will be June 12-16 from 9 – 12:30pm. Registration is now open for Bethany members and opens for non-members on March 15. If you would like to volunteer (either getting things ready before or help during VBS) please contact Stephanie Mitchum at [smitchum@bethany-umc.com](mailto:smitchum@bethany-umc.com).

### **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.



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

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