

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 19, 2023
Fourth 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 Amazing Grace (v 1,2,4,6) UMH No. 378

*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 23 UMH No. 754

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me beside still waters,

restores my life,

leads me in right paths

for the sake of the Lord's name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil,

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

as long as I live.

*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

His Robes for Mine
Spell Ensemble

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

*Scripture Lesson

John 9:1-12, 20-21, 34-40

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What? Are We Blind Too?

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

Be Thou My Vision

UMH No. 451

*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. 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 22**) will be soup, toasted cheese sandwich and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Connections. 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 is on Sunday mornings in the Narthex and near the coffee area. Wednesday evenings, tickets will be available at the BNOW 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.

Exciting March Happy Hearts

The next Happy Hearts meeting will be Friday, March 24 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will feature Michael Minor, a professional singer, ventriloquist and impressionist who has entertained all over the world. A classically trained vocalist, he is a one-man variety show. He performs on cruise ships, at resorts, amusement parks, schools and churches; but is based here in Summerville. The menu is Mr. K's fried chicken, broccoli & rice casserole, green beans, and dessert for \$8.00. Please make your meal reservation with Dot at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com by **TODAY!** ALL ARE INVITED!

Easter Sunday Worship Times

Easter Sunday, April 9:

- 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair
*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)
- 8 am Worship in Spell Chapel**
- 8:45 am and 11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 8:45 am Word and Table Contemporary in the Fellowship Hall**
** A Nursery will be provided

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

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