

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

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

* **Hymn of Praise** Tell Me the Stories of Jesus UMH 277

* **Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed** UMH 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory If You Love Me Thomas Tallis
 Chamber Ensemble

* **Doxology** UMH 95

* **Scripture Lesson** Luke 19: 32-44
 The Word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.

Sermon Did You Recognize Him? 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** Were You There (vs 1,3,5) UMH 288

*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

There will not be any BNOW classes or meals for the next two weeks (April 5 and April 12). Classes and meals will resume on April 19.

The “Last Supper” Comes to Life During Holy Week

Leonardo da Vinci’s *Last Supper* will come to life this week (**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. Tickets are still available and can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or reserve them online through the Bethany website.

Easter Sunday- April 9 Worship Times

- 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

Foster Parent Appreciation Baskets

The Epworth Children’s Home Lowcountry Hub, housed right here at Bethany, is asking churches to help provide baskets for their foster homes. May is Foster Parent Appreciation month, and these baskets will help show how much the homes are needed and valued. Bethany will complete 10 baskets for Epworth and we are accepting monetary donations to purchase the basket items. You can place your donation in the offering plate or bring it to the Business office (please mark it for Epworth Baskets).

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, May 7** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehrt, at 843.873.1230 or jsehrt@bethany-umc.com.

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