

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 5, 2023  
Second Sunday in Lent

### 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      To God Be the Glory      UMH 98

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

\*Doxology      UMH 95

\*Scripture Lesson      John 3: 1-17

The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Sermon      Conversation with the VIP      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      Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise      UMH 103

#### \*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

### Q&A Session

There will be a Q&A session on the status of the United Methodist Church today from 3-4:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This will be an information session where you will have the opportunity to hear answers to many of the common questions being asked. Please plan to join us.

### Pictorial Directory

A new directory for our membership is in process. We need all members participating to insure that the new directory will be complete. Those photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait. Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so SIGN UP TODAY by visiting the church website. Dates are Saturday, March 24- Tuesday, March 28

### Lenten Services

Join us this Lenten season with Wednesday night Lenten services (**Mar. 8, 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 8**) will be ham, scalloped potatoes, hot vegetable and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Sue Knight.

### Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite you to serve at the Summerville Family YMCA's Flowertown Festival Mar. 31-Apr. 2. During the festival, Bethany will again provide a refreshing Oasis with a free bottle of "Living Water" and a cross, as people visit our "Oasis/Picnic Area." You can be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for "Living Water." Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the "Living Water," answer questions, and pray. Sign ups can be found online.

### All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 1 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Local Missions.



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

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