

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH No. 304

*The Responsive Reading~

Psalm 16:5-11

UMH No. 748

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

I have a glorious heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the Lord always before me;

the Lord is at my right hand;

I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also dwells secure.

**For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your godly one see the pit.**

You show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy,

in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*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

*Doxology

UMH No. 95

*Scripture Lesson

John 20: 19-31

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Faith

Rev. Narcie Jeter

*Hymn of Dedication

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH No. 98

*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

Bethany Safety & Assistance Team

Bethany has started a Safety and Assistance program that will require many volunteers to be successful. You may have already seen some of our core members providing assistance on Sundays last month. Our initial plan is to have two shifts on Sunday mornings that will need two outside and two inside people for each shift. This is open to men and women and is ideal for couples. To find out more, visit one of our drop-in sessions that will be held in April. Sessions will be on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Welcome Center Conference Room before BNOW, and on Sundays at 11:15am in the Searchers Sunday School class (Room 118). Please contact Gus Holladay with any questions at gholl1148@att.net.

Pictorial Directory

A new directory for our membership is in process. We need all members participating to ensure that the new directory will be complete. Those photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait. Appointments for April are now available!! Please visit the Bethany website to reserve your spot! Appointments are on a first-serve basis, so SIGN UP TODAY!

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 Sehart, at 843.873.1230 or jsehart@bethany-umc.com.

National Day of Prayer- Breakfast

Bethany will host a National Day of Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 4 in the Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will be from 6:30am - 7am and the program will be from 7am - 8:15 am. Tickets are \$20 and can be found by visiting www.summervilleymca.org.

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

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