

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 23, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Standing in the Need of Prayer UMH No. 352

\*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 UMH No. 837

I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications,  
and has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"**

What shall I return to the Lord  
for all my benefits?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,**

I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

**Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.  
You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord,  
in the presence of all his people,  
**in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*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 1 Peter 1:22-25, 2:1-3  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Sermon The Enemy is Over There Rev. Mark Barnes

\*Hymn of Dedication O How I Love Jesus UMH No. 170

\*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

### **Epworth is Our Ministry!**

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,000 children and families through our statewide programs? Each of these children had this opportunity because of United Methodist churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry in support of the children and families in our state. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 14 to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Spell Chapel Open for Prayer**

Spell Chapel will be open from 6:30-9:30 am each Wednesday for prayer. We know you don't have to be in church to pray, but this provides an opportunity for all of us to pray intentionally as a congregation as we seek God's wisdom and guidance for individual needs, for our church, and for the leaders of our denomination.

### **Hero Hotline- VBS!**

VBS is getting close! We still have things we need help with. Make sure to check the project table on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by the elevator – it is constantly being updated with projects. There are also some items we need: plastic tablecloths and streamers in lime green, hot pink, orange, purple, teal, and yellow; blank CD's (will be used for decorating), 9' foil curtains in lime, teal, hot pink, orange, purple and yellow. You can also purchase from our Amazon Wishlist - <https://a.co/0yTJYhF>. Items from the wish list will be shipped directly to us! Thank you!

### **Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference**

The Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference is designed to inspire and equip grandparents to pass a legacy of faith to future generations. The second annual Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference at St. Pauls Anglican in Summerville will be April 28-29 starting at 7pm. Visit the website to register- <https://grandparenting.co>

### **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 [gholla1148@att.net](mailto:gholla1148@att.net).



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

April 23, 2023

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