

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 30, 2023
4th 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

Grace Greater than Our Sin

UMH No. 365

*The Responsive Reading~

Psalm 80: 1-7

UMH No. 801

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth!
In the presence of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

*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 2:18-25

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

Sermon

Returned to the Shepherd

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH No. 381

*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

Transform a Child's Future

Each year, Epworth Children's Home provides care to children in our own communities who have experienced abuse, neglect, and loss. Epworth's care breaks the destructive cycle and encourages children to aim higher in life. The physical, emotional, academic, and spiritual care they receive transforms their lives. On Sunday, May 14th, 2023, our congregation will support Epworth by collecting the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering. We invite you to give generously to the children impacted by Epworth's care and programs. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, please visit Epworth online at 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 3rd 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!

Directory Photos

February directory photos can be picked up in the Business Office during business hours, Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm and Sundays, April 30 & May 7 from 8:30-11:30am. Photos that were taken in March or April will be available later. Please make sure to come by and pick up your items.

Prayer Chain

Bethany is putting together a Prayer Chain Group. If you are interested in being a part of it, please email Debbie at ddominianni@bethany-umc.com.

Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday will be May 21 in the 11:15 worship service. If you have a graduating senior and would like for them to be recognized, please visit www.ascendstudentministries.org and click the "Bethany Graduate Celebration 2023" button. There will also be a celebratory dinner that night during Youth Ascend. To RSVP, please visit ascendstudentministries.org.



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

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