

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 7, 2023  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 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            How Firm a Foundation            UMH 529

\*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            Peter 2: 2-10

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

Sermon            Set Apart            Rev. Narcie Jeter

## 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    Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation    UMH 559

### \*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 and in honor of the retirement of Chaplain Colonel Joel Warren.*

## Announcements

### **Epworth Children's Home Offering Next Sunday!**

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives, and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Wednesday Night BNOW**

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The meal for this week (**May 10**) will be lasagna, garlic bread and salad bar. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Spiritual Growth. This will be the last BNOW for this session.

### **Time and Talent Form**

The 2024 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the back, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms and around the church. **Please turn completed forms in to the Business Office at your earliest convenience!** Forms can also be completed online by visiting [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com). The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!

### **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](http://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](http://ascendstudentministries.org).

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

We still need help with VBS. 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 which can be found online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).



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

May 7, 2023

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