#### Order of Worship May 21, 2023 7<sup>th</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."

**de** As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

## Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

* <b>Hymn of Praise</b> My	Hope Is Buiilt	UMH No. 368
The Responsive Reading~	Psalm 46: 1-11	UMH No. 780
God is our refuge and strength a very present help in tro <b>Therefore we will not fear</b> <b>though the mountains s</b> though the waters roar and for though the mountains tree <b>There is a river whose stre</b> <b>the holy habitation of the</b> God is in the midst of the ci God will help it at the day <b>The nations rage, the king</b> <b>God's voice resounds, the</b> The Lord of hosts is with us	uble. though the earth should hake in the heart of the oam, mble with its tumult. ams make glad the city he Most High. ty which shall not be mov wn of the day. doms totter; he earth melts.	sea; of God,
the God of Jacob is our	refuge.	
Come, behold the works of who has wrought desolat who makes wars cease to t	ions in the earth;	
breaks the bow, shatter		
and burns the shields w	vith fire!	
"Be still, and know that I an	n God.	
I am exalted among the 1	nations,	

I am exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

### \*Gloria Patri

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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. Offertory Spell Ensemble Declare Your Maker's Praise The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings \*Doxology UMH No. 95 **Scripture Lesson** Luke 24: 44-53 The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. Mission Accomplished (or is it?) Rev. Michael Ritter Sermon \*Hymn of Dedication **UMH No. 569** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

## \*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

## Love Offering for Rev. Narcie & Mike Jeter

As you know, BUMC is losing two huge members of our leadership team with Narcie's appointment to Disciples UMC in Greenville. Over the last 7 years, the Jeter Family has been representative of the heartbeat of Bethany in many roles. Narcie's last Sunday at Bethany will be June 11. We are preparing to have a reception for the family after the combined 10 am service. We are asking the congregation to share their memories of the Jeter Family on note cards that will be presented at the reception. The blank cards are located at several locations around the church. We are also accepting donations for a love offering that will be presented to the family as they move to the Upstate. You may drop either by the Business Office or leave in the collection plate.

## **VBS Decorating**

We will begin decorating for VBS this week! Even if you only have an hour, we can use you. All decorations and instructions are provided, we just need lots of hands to get it all put up. Come Monday – Thursday between 9:30 - 3:30, or let us know if you need to come after hours. There are doors, wall, ceilings, really everything to decorate. There are still things on the Amazon Wishlist we need, mainly for our mission project. You can find the Wishlist on the Bethany website.

## **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 Narthex, 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.

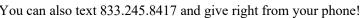
## **Stephen Ministers- Paving the Way**

We all have times when a kind, non-judgmental listener would be a blessing. Many friends and fellow Bethany members have found encouragement, strength, and support from a Stephen Minister. Please be mindful when someone you know is facing challenges, then help pave the way by sharing about Stephen Ministry and asking permission to refer him or her. For more info contact (for women): Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 or Leah Martin 404.408.5457 and (for men): Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes 843.873.1230.

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