

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 28, 2023  
Day of Pentecost

## 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

Hymn of Promise

UMH No. 707

## Memorial Day Reflection

Chaplain Joel Warren USAF (Ret.)

## \*The Responsive Reading~

Psalm 91: 1-10

UMH No. 810

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the Lord,

**"My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."**

For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence  
and will cover you with his pinions;

**under the Lord's wings you will find refuge.  
God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes a noontide.**

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes**

**and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
the Most High your habitation,  
**no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.**

## \*Gloria Patri

## Congregational Prayer and Moment of Silence

## Memorial Day Reflection

Chaplain Mike Brown USAF (Ret.)

## Offertory

Take My Life

Holly Slice

## The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

## \*Doxology

UMH No. 95

## Scripture Lesson

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

John 15: 12-13

## Sermon

No Greater Love....

Chaplain Mark Barnes USAF (Ret.)

## \*Hymn of Dedication

America

UMH No. 697

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

God Bless America

\* Please stand

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.*

All gave some, some gave all.

## 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.

### **Combined 10 am Service- June 11**

**On Sunday, June 11, in addition to the 8am Spell service, there will be one combined worship service at 10 am**, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall to honor Rev. Narcie Jeter and Mike Jeter for their ministry here at Bethany. Please join us to honor the Jeter family on this special occasion.

### **Hands of Christ Supply Drive**

Monetary donations are being collected to provide much needed school supplies for the 2023-24 DD2 schools and Williams Elementary, a DD4 school. We are also collecting book bags. Our goal is to collect **200** book bags which can be dropped off in the Business Office. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags. The more we receive, the less we spend out of Hands of Christ monetary donations. Monetary donations may be made online, placed in the offering plate on Sunday, or dropped off at the Business Office. Please put in the memo line "Hands of Christ."

### **VBS Decorating has Begun**

Have you noticed the hallways slowly changing? We are already starting to decorate for VBS – it will take us that long to get it all done. Decorating is happening Monday through Thursday from 9:30 – 3:30. Even if you only have an hour or so, we can use you! Just come to the Children's Ministries office and we will give you all the supplies and instructions so you can help transform them building into Hero Hotline!

### **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.



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

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