

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 18, 2023
3rd Sunday after 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

Crystal Stasiuakitis, 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH No. 474

*The Responsive Reading~

Psalm 70: 1-5

UMH No. 793

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me!

O Lord, make haste to help me!

Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

**Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire my pain!**

Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

**May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!**

May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

**But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!**

**You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry!**

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer and 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

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Luke 15: 11-24

Sermon

My Father's Eyes

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

I Need Thee Every Hour
(vv 1, 3, 5)

UMH No. 397

*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 memory
of my husband, Ted Cooper (April 15, 1931-June 16, 2021) and my father,
Ralph Campbell (May 21, 1913-December 5, 1996) with love from
Peggy Cooper.*

Announcements

Bethany Path Forward Small Groups

On Sunday, June 25 at 4 pm in the church classrooms, we will begin hosting small groups for listening and learning about the schism in the UMC. Sign-ups are necessary ahead of time to organize the presenters and small groups.

Please contact Meg Courtney by email at cudirtfrog@hotmail.com or phone 843.509.2892 by Thursday, June 22 if you are interested in participating.

Camp Meeting Returns: July 9

Camp Meeting services will begin July 9 for the month of July. This a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal, so dress comfortably and casually.

Happy Hearts

The June meeting of Happy Hearts features author and College of Charleston professor, Patrick J. Harwood. A meal of ham, potato salad, green beans, rolls, carrot cake, and drink will be served at 12 pm for \$8. Please call Dot by the end of day TODAY at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Men of Bethany

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting June 19 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please use the sign up sheets located in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center front desk. The meal will be \$12 and will consist of salad, prime rib, a starch, vegetable and dessert. If you are available to help prepare the meal, please show up in the kitchen any time after 3 pm. For more information, please text Rodney McKanna 843.709.0953 or Bill Jones 843.607.6671.

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. 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."

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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