

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 25, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> 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

El Shaddai Holly Slice, pianist

*El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyoh na Adonai;  
age to age you're still the same by the power of the name.  
El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahmka na Adonai;  
we will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise

God Will Take Care of You

UMH No. 130

### \*The Responsive Reading~

**Psalm 116: 1-6**

UMH No. 837

I love the Lord, who has heard  
my voice and my supplications,  
and has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called.

**The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

**"O Lord, I beseech you, save my life!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, the Lord saved me.**

### \*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

John 4: 46-54

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

## Sermon

Desperate Prayers & Faith Believing

Rev. Mark Barnes

### \*Hymn of Dedication

How Great Thou Art

UMH No. 77

### \*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.*

*Our Christian sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Mr. Cecil Buddin,  
who joined the Church Triumphant on Tuesday, June 20.*

## **Announcements**

### **VBS- Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS! The halls are empty and the Heros are on their quest to answer God's call. What an amazing week it was! Over 500 children, many who are not Bethany members, heard about God's love for them and how they can make a difference in the world. What a great way to reach out to our community. Around 200 volunteer adults and teens worked to bring the word of God to these precious children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all who had a hand in VBS.

### **July 2 Worship Times**

There will be two services next Sunday, July 2. Please join us at 8 am in Spell Chapel or 10 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday school classes will not be meeting.

### **Directory Photos**

All photos from the directory sessions are in and located in the Business Office. If you have not picked up your pictures, please do so as soon as possible.

### **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.

### **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."

### **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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