

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 2, 2023
5th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude Sanctuary Holly Slice, pianist
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
with Thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

* **Hymn of Praise** Onward, Christian Soldiers UMH 575

* **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** Joshua 1: 7-9

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

Sermon Be Strong & Courageous Rev. Mark Barnes

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** America UMH 697

* **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

Church Office Closed

The church office will close at noon on Monday, July 3 and will be closed for the day on Tuesday, July 4 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 8:30 a.m.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Each Wednesday evening in July, families can gather for fun and fellowship. July 5 will be Playground and Popsicles. Come play on the playground and we will provide some cool treats. Bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors and plan to stay for a fun-filled evening. Activities will be from 6pm-7:30pm. Dinner is not provided, so please eat before or after.

RiverDogs Baseball Family Night

Join us on Sunday, July 30 at the Riverdogs baseball game. We have purchased a group of tickets all together and would love to have you there for a fun evening. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased on the Bethany website or see Emily Vick. Gametime is 5:05pm and parking is free. There will be lots of activities for kids and adults before and during the game.

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.

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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