

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 9, 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

**\*Hymn of Praise** UMH No. 526  
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**\*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 103: 6-12** UMH No. 824

The Lord, who works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed,  
has made known God's ways to Moses,  
God's acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Lord will not always chide,  
nor harbor anger for ever.

**The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward the faithful;  
**as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does the Lord remove our transgressions from us.**

## \*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** Genesis 45: 1-8  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** God Sent Him Rev. Mark Barnes

**\*Hymn of Dedication** UMH No. 156  
I Love to Tell the Story

## \*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

### **Camp Meeting Returns**

We will have Camp Meeting services for the month of July. This is 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.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays**

Our Wonderful Wednesday this week is *Showtime!* featuring the movie Madagascar. Bring the whole family and join us in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Popcorn, drinks and candy will be available (or bring your own snack). Bring a blanket to stretch out if you want and have a fun family night.

### **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.

### **Happy Hearts**

Local, talented, and very gifted musician, Mr. Jesse Cockcroft, the strolling accordion player, will be performing for the Happy Hearts meeting on July 28. A meal of lasagna, garlic bread, tossed Italian salad, with cheesecake for dessert will be served at 12 pm for \$8. Please contact Dot by July 23 at 843.343.5450 or [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com) to make your meal reservation. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.

### **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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