

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 23, 2023  
8<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** My Hope Is Built UMH No. 368

**\*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 63: 1-8** UMH No. 788

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

**So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

**So I will bless you as long as I live;**

**I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
when I think of you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

**for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

**My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds 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

**Offertory** Camp Meeting Medley  
Luke Biggs, Charlie Davis, Jim Griffin

**\*Doxology** UMH No. 95

**Scripture Lesson** Acts 15: 36-40  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon** Grace to Disagree Rev. Mark Barnes

**\*Hymn of Dedication** Amazing Grace UMH No. 378  
(VV 1, 3, 6)

## \*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

### **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 **TODAY** at 843.343.5450 or [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com) to make your meal reservation.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays**

This week for Wonderful Wednesday we are going to Pack the Gym! Families come join us for games and fun. There will be organized games, basketball and more available. Parents vs. Kids, family vs. family...who knows what will happen. Meet in the gym Wednesday night from 6-7:30 pm.

### **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. We have 5 tickets left! 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.

### **Bereavement Ministry**

The Bereavement Ministry needs co-chairs and team members for this important ministry. The co-leaders would coordinate with the bereavement team leaders to help prepare and serve meals for Bethany families after a funeral. Please let Rev. Mark Barnes know at 843.873.1230 if you are interested or would like more information on this ministry.

### **Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks**

Sunday, August 20 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. On this Sunday, all children will move up to their new Sunday School class. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

### **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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