

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 30, 2023
9th 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** Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH No. 399

***The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 46: 1-11** UMH No. 780
God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;
God will help it at the dawn of the day.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
who has wrought desolations in the earth;
**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,
breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

*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 Be Still, My Soul UMH No. 534
Holly Slice

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

Scripture Lesson John 1: 11-17, John 8: 30-32, 36
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Be Still, My Soul Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication** UMH No. 378
Nearer My God To Thee
(VV 1, 3, 5)

*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

Blood Drive

Bethany is hosting a blood drive **TODAY** from 8am-1pm in the Gym. Please stop by and/or schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: BethanyUMC or call Rodney McKanna at 843.709.0953.

Hands of Christ-Monetary Donations STILL Needed- Needed by August 13!

Monetary donations are still being collected to buy school supplies for the 2023-2024 school year. We have about 33% earned toward our goal.

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.". ***Donations are needed by August 13.***

We continue to need empty book bags to distribute to some of the district schools. Our goal is to collect 200 book bags. These can be dropped off in the Business Office anytime before August 13th. The book bags that we donate will have our Bethany backpack tags with them.

This year we are supporting 26 local schools with these school supplies and bookbags. Please help make our Hands of Christ mission a success !! Volunteers will also be needed to distribute the supplies during the week of August 14-18. More details on distribution will be coming soon!

Blessing Box

Bethany's Blessing Box relies strictly on your donations. There is a huge need for this ministry in our community. The Blessing Box is currently running low on supplies. Please consider donating some of the following items: canned stews and meat (turkey, chicken, etc.), canned fruits and individual fruit cups, canned vegetables, individual pasta, rice, cereal, and bottled water.

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Families Sunday School Class August 20

A new Sunday School class is forming for parents of young children beginning August 20. Anyone is welcome, but this class will be geared to adults who are 25-40 years old. The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10am (during the Sunday School hour) in room 239. We invite anyone who might be interested in finding out more to join us on August 20 to help create a dynamic and interesting class.

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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