### ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 6, 2023 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## **Gathering**

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

\* Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance

**UMH 369** 

\*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

Offertory

\*Doxology

**UMH 95** 

\*Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel: 9:1-13

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Underserving, yet unconditional 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

Victory in Jesus

**UMH 370** 

\*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	

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand

#### **Announcements**

# **Nursery Workers Needed**

The nursery is looking for people to round out our staff. 5-8 hours per week, primarily on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. More hours may be available according to the church calendar. \$13 per hour. Please stop by the nursery or call the church office if interested.

### **Hands of Christ-Monetary Donations STILL Needed-**

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 <u>empty</u> 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 (turn, 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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