

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 13, 2023
11th 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

* **Hymn of Praise** Jesus, Lover of my soul UMH No. 479

***The Responsive Reading~** **Psalm 116: 1-4** UMH No. 837

I love the LORD because he hears
my requests for mercy.

I'll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.

Death's ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave^[a] found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.

So I called on the LORD's name:
"LORD, please save me!"^[b]

*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

My Glory, Joy and Crown
Soloist: Seth Tompson Flutist: Ella Thomasson

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Scripture Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 5:1-2 NIV

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

Sermon

The Great Grace Awakening

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

*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

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.

Epworth Work Day Offering, September 10th

EPWORTH IS OUR MINISTRY! Where do children go when DSS has taken them from their families because of abuse or neglect? Epworth is currently serving over 350 children and families through their Residential and Independent Living programs, statewide Foster Care program, the Epworth Center for Counseling, the Early Intervention Center, and prevention services. Each of these children have found refuge in the ministry we share in SC. Epworth Children's Home has been welcoming children in Christ's name for 127 years through the generous support of churches like ours! We will participate in the annual Work Day Offering on Sunday, September 10th, to benefit the children who are served by Epworth. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org or find them on social media.

Blessing Box

Bethany's Blessing Box has been overwhelmed by your donations. We are asking that you hold off on donating so we will be able to use the current donated food in a timely manner. We will put a plea out to the congregation as the donations begin to get low. 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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