

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 20, 2023  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

#### Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise Where He Leads Me

UMH No. 399

\*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 124: 1-8

UMH No. 846

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side -

let Israel now say -

**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,**

**when foes rose up against us,**

**then they would have swallowed us up alive,**

**when their anger was kindled against us;**

then the flood would have swept us away,

the torrent would have gone over us;

**then the raging waters**

**would have gone over us.**

Blessed be the Lord,

who has not given us

as prey to their teeth!

**We have escaped as a bird**

**from the snare of the fowlers;**

the snare is broken,

and we have escaped!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord**

**who made heaven and earth.**

#### \*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

#### \*Doxology

UMH No. 95

#### Scripture Lesson

Mark 9: 33-41 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### Sermon

All Aboard

Rev. Mark Barnes

\*Hymn of Dedication And Can It be that I Should Gain UMH No. 363  
(VV 1, 4, 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 and in memory of  
Nancy McClelland.*

## Announcements

### **Backpack Blessings**

Today we are blessing backpacks and school bags for everyone heading off to school. Please bring your bag to the front of the sanctuary prior to worship beginning. We will be placing a tag on your bag and saying a special blessing over them. You may pick up your bag at the conclusion of worship. Have a great first day of school!

### **Blessing Box- Donations on Hold, Please!**

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!

### **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 10, 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](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) or find them on social media.

### **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.

### **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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