

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 27, 2023
13th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** Grace Greater than Our Sin UMH No. 365

***The Responsive Reading~** Psalm 40: 1-8 UMH No. 774

I waited patiently for the Lord,
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog,
set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and be in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed are those who make
the Lord their trust,

who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods!

**O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts towards us;
none can compare with you!**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be numbered.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.

**Then I said, "Lo, I come;
in the roll of the book it is written of me;
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

*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 Acts 4: 32-37, 11:19-24; 1 Timothy 1: 12-14 NIV
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Reflections of Grace Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication** Amazing Grace UMH No. 378
(VV 1, 4, 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 and in memory of
May Gunter.*

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Mrs. Nancy McClelland who joined the church triumphant on July 25, 2023.

Christian sympathies go out to Marty Gunter and the family and friends of Mrs. May Gunter who joined the church triumphant on August 11, 2023.

Announcements

Open Doors for Children in Need

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond providing food and shelter for children who have experienced a rough start in life. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, recreation, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home, we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 10 our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect, and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who are served by Epworth. For more information, please visit Epworth at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

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.

New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be Sunday, September 10 at the 11:15am service in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehr, at 843.873.1230 or jsehr@bethany-umc.com.

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.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed for the Labor Day Holiday on September 4.

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***Bethany United Methodist Church
Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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