

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 3, 2023
14th 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** The Voice of God Is Calling UMH 436

* **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** Genesis 37: 23-25

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

Sermon What a Mess I Have Gotten Into 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** Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH 382

*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

DON'T FORGET EPWORTH OFFERING NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth.

As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Grief Support Group

Making the decision to attend a Grief Support Group is often the hardest step for people in grief to take. If you are grieving the death of a loved one, please join us on the journey through grief in our support group to share the loneliness of your grief. Scriptural wisdom will be used to explore the spiritual issues of grief and offer encouragement or a life of renewed hope and joy. The group will also offer some specific coping strategies to guide the way back to fullness of life.

The group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We will start on September 19 from 10:30 - 11:30am in the church parlor. To register, please contact Jan Walker at 843.259.8342 or Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.1230 or simply come and be part of our grief community.

Support for Maui

An UMCOR grant is providing food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid, join us in prayer and support for the people of Maui in the aftermath of wildfires. Support relief and recovery efforts today by donating to UMCOR by scanning the QR code.



Time to LIVE- Time to GIVE- Time to Renew Your Purpose!

Lighten your burdens. Open up and talk out your worries, so you can find joy in each day. **Call** for your personal Stephen Minister.

Combine your caring and empathy with active listening skills to help a hurting person. **Apply** for the Stephen Ministry Training - next class starts in January.

For info, contact: Women: Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675 Men: Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Mark Barnes 843.873.2130.



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

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