

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 17, 2023  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

### Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

### Welcome and Announcements

### Invocation

#### \*Hymn of Praise

Blessed Assurance

UMH No. 369

#### \*The Responsive Reading~

Psalm 126: 1-6

UMH No. 847

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are glad.**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb!

**May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy!**

Those who go forth weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,

**shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

#### \*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

Joel 2: 12-16

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

#### Sermon

Relent, Repent, Restore

Rev. Mitch Houston

#### \*Hymn of Dedication

Jesus Calls Us

UMH No. 398

#### \*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 Julie Nicole Jett by Bob, Pat and Brad Jett.*

## Announcements

### **Calling All Crafters!**

Pick up your scissors, find your glue gun and get crafting! Start working now on making crafts for the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market. We are looking for handmade items that anyone would love to have in their home. Some popular items are Christmas ornaments, 18" doll clothes, Christmas decorations, and small purses. There are lots of easy crafts that anyone can do- just look online or see Emily Vick for an idea.

### **Happy Hearts**

Happy Hearts meeting on September 22 will feature "The Story Behind the Song," by our own Linda Grant. *His Eye is on the Sparrow, Let There Be Peace on Earth, In the Garden, and America the Beautiful* are some of the songs Linda will discuss followed by the audience singing. A meal of fried chicken, rice pilaf, hot veggie, yeast roll and a brownie for \$8 will be served at 12 pm. To make your meal reservation, call Dot by the end of TODAY at 843.343.5450 or email her at [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com). ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

### **Men of Bethany**

The Men of Bethany will have their monthly meeting Monday, September 18 at 7 pm. If you would like to attend, please use the sign-up sheets located in the Sunday School classrooms and at the Welcome Center front desk. The meal will be \$12 and will consist of salad, prime rib, starch, vegetable and dessert. Help is needed to prep the meal as well as the Pinelands lunch. If you are available to help, please show up in the kitchen any time after 3 pm. For more information, please text Rodney McKanna 843.709.0953 or Bill Jones 843.607.6671.

### **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.

### **Scan to Give Option**

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code and you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!



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

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