#### **ORDER OF WORSHIP** September 24, 2023 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

<b>*Hymn of Praise</b> Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	UMH No. 127
*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 130: 1-8	UMH No. 848
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!	
Lord, hear my voice!	
Let your ears be attentive	
to the voice of my supplications!	
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,	
Lord, who could stand?	
But there is forgiveness with you,	
that you may be worshiped.	
I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,	
in the Lord's word I hope;	
my soul waits for the Lord	
more than those who watch for the morning,	
more than those who watch for the morning.	
O Israel, hope in the Lord!	
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,	
with the Lord is plenteous redemption.	
And the Lord will redeem Israel	
from all iniquities.	

#### \*Gloria Patri

Congregationa	l Prayer a	nd Lord's Prayer	
6	)ur Father,	who art in heaven, hallowed	d be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.			
Give	us this day o	our daily bread. And forgive	e us our trespasses,
	as we for	give those who trespass aga	inst us.
Ana	l lead us no	t into temptation, but delive	r us from evil.
Fo	or thine is th	e kingdom, and the power,	and the glory,
		forever. Amen.	
The Presentati	on of Tith	es and Offerings	
Offertory			
*Doxology			UMH No. 95
Scripture Less The Word of <i>C</i> <i>Thanks be t</i>	God for the	Matthew 20: 1-16 people of God.	
Sermon	Work	ing the Vineyard	Rev. Michael Ritter
*Hymn of Ded	ication	Hymn of Promise	UMH No. 707
Special Music	Cherub, N	Your Grace Melody, and Wesley Cho	irs
*Benediction			
*Benediction R	lesponse	Irish Blessing	
May the sun sh field	ine warmly; And until	neet you, May the wind by y on your face, May the ra we meet again, until we r you in the palm of his ha	ain fall softly on your neet again,
*Postlude			

\* Please stand

#### Announcements

#### **National Day of Prayer Breakfast- Planning Meeting**

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please join us for a planning meeting on **Thursday, September 28 at 6:30pm** in the Conference Room.

#### Habitat Workday

The congregation is invited to participate in a Habitat Mission workday on **Saturday, Sept. 30 from 8am-12pm**. The house is located at 704 N. Hickory Str. in Summerville. No skills are necessary and everyone ages 16 and over is invited to participate. We have also set up a Habitat for Humanity account enabling church members to donate funds to help buy supplies. If you need more information contact Barney Duncan at <u>bduncan1008@gmail.com</u> or call 843.224.1898.

#### **Bethany's Blessing of the Animals**

Bring your pet for a special worship service and blessing on **Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3pm** in Azalea Park. Bring a chair and please remember to clean up after your pet!

#### New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, October 8** at the 11:15 service. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jack Sehrt- jsehrt@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230.

#### **Thanksgiving Food Bags**

Local Missions is now accepting monetary donations to provide turkeys/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 415 families were recipients in 2022! DONATE by Nov. 12 through the offering plate, online, or by mail. Please notate that the funds are for Thanksgiving bags.

Please give generously, as costs continue to increase.

#### 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.

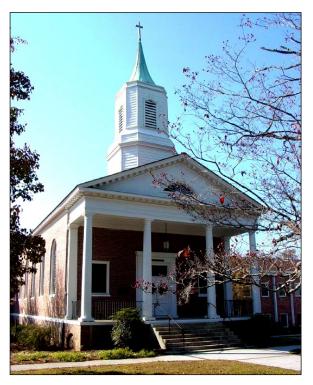
Combine your caring and empathy with active listening skills to help a hurting person. **Apply** *f*or the Stephen Ministry Training - next class starts in January.

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.

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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.

September 24, 2023

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