

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** 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

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 Matthew 20: 1-16
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Working the Vineyard Rev. Michael Ritter

***Hymn of Dedication** Hymn of Promise UMH No. 707

Special Music Your Grace
Cherub, Melody, and Wesley Choirs

*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

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 bduncan1008@gmail.com 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 Sehart- jsehart@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 note 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** 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.

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