

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 1, 2023  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Gathering

#### Prelude

Marissa Selvig, pianist

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.*

\* **Hymn of Praise**      Onward, Christian Soldiers      UMH 575  
(vv 1,3,5)

\* **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**      1 Peter 1: 1-12

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

**Sermon**      Hope During Chaos      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**      Let Us Break Bread Together      UMH 618

#### \*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

### **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 Sehr- [jsehr@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsehr@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.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Bethany Global Missions is looking to pack 323 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Some suggestions are small balls, Slinkys, play cars or trucks, plastic animals and figures, yo-yos, marbles, etc. Some "WOW" items that can be included are small stuffed animals, clothing items, small musical instruments, etc. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can make a check out to Bethany UMC and in memo line please write Global Missions. Please drop off any checks in the Business office. Individual boxes to fill will be available October 1 and October 8 at all services. Filled boxes will be due November 13, and there will be a table by the downstairs Welcome Center with a sign to drop filled boxes off. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609.319.6271.

### **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.***

October 1, 2023

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