

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 8, 2023
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** We Gather Together UMH No. 131

***The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16** UMH No. 799

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

I will open my mouth in a parable;

I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us.

We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might,
and wonders God has wrought.

The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,
the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap,
led them with a cloud in the daytime,
and all the night with a fiery light,
cleft rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,
made streams come out of rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

*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 My Kindness Shall Not Depart from Thee
Spell Ensemble

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

Scripture Lesson Philippians 1:9-10; Acts 17:11-12;
1 Corinthians 1:10-12; 3 John 1:9-10
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Spiritual Symmetry with Knowledge & Discernment

***Hymn of Dedication** God Will Take Care of You UMH No. 130

*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.

*Marti Johnson joined the church triumphant on September 30, 2023 .
Christian sympathies go out to Bob Johnson and the family.*

Announcements

*“Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good.
The bricks must be cemented together.” Corrie Ten Boom*

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 today 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.

Happy Hearts - October 20

The Plantation Singers will be our guest performers at Happy Hearts on Friday, October 20. ***Please note that this is the third Friday instead of the normal fourth Friday, because of the Bethany Gift & Gourmet Market that starts the following week.*** A fried chicken lunch for \$8 will be served at 12 pm. To make your meal reservation, call Dot by October 15 at 843.343.5450 or email her at dmprevatte@yahoo.com. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

All Saints’ Sunday – November 5

Bethany UMC will honor our church family who became Saints this past year. We will recognize their names on Sunday, November 5 during all services. The All Saints’ Banner will be in the backback each Sunday until All Saints’ Day. Please write the names of loved ones you want to be remembered on this special day. If you have a name that you want on the banner and you are not here, you can call or email the office to have it added.

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.

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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