

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 22, 2023
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Hymn of Praise** Standing on the Promises UMH No. 374

***The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 99: 1-9** UMH No. 819-820

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!

The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion,
and is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and wondrous name!

Holy is the Lord!

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity;

**you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.**

Extol the Lord our God.

Worship at the Lord's footstool!

Holy is the Lord!

Moses and Aaron were among God's priests,
Samuel also was among those who called on God's name.

**They cried to the Lord, who answered them,
who spoke the them in the pillar of cloud.**

They kept God's testimonies,
and the statutes God gave them.

**O Lord, our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain.

Surely the Lor our God is holy!

*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

Chamber Ensemble

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

Stephen Minister Testimony

Scripture Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon A Godly Imitation and Reputation Rev. Michael Ritter

***Hymn of Dedication** Freely, Freely UMH No. 389

*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

"I have never yet known the Spirit of God to work where the Lord's people were divided." **Dwight L. Moody**

Spell Chapel Open for Prayer

As part of the discernment process, the prayer subcommittee encourages you to visit Spell Chapel for a time of unity prayer. Spell Chapel will be open on Sunday mornings from 9-11:15 am and on Wednesday evenings from 4-7 pm. This is a time of quiet reflection and prayer, to help our church as we move forward.

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, Nov. 5** during all services. The All Saints' Banner will be in the Narthex 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.

Operation Christmas Child

Bethany Global Missions is still accepting monetary donations, you can make a check out to Bethany UMC and in the memo line write Global Missions. Please drop off any checks to the Business office. Filled boxes are **due Nov. 13**, but can be dropped off early. There is 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.

Charge Conference

The annual Charge Conference will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm** in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend!

No Word & Table Service on Oct. 29

Due to the Bethany Gift and Gourmet Market going on in the Fellowship Hall, there will not be a Word & Table service next Sunday.

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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