

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 5, 2023
All Saints' Sunday
23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* UMH No. 127

Roll Call of the Saints (pray responsively)

Ever living God, this day revives in us memories of loved ones.
What happiness we shared when they walked among us. What
joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.

THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.

Months or years have passed, and still we feel near to them.
Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a
duller pain abides; for the place where once they stood is empty
now. The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing
cannot break.

THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.

We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven,
their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness
fade from sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless
their names.

THEIR MEMORY IS A BLESSING FOR EVER.

And we remember as well the members who but yesterday were
part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us
and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy
of carrying on the tradition of our faith, for now the task is ours.

THEIR SOULS ARE BOUND UP IN OURS FOR EVER.

We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you.
As a great cloud of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings
and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving.

THEY ARE ALIVE FOR EVER MORE. AMEN.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 95

Scripture Lesson

Joshua 3: 7-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"I Remember"

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 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* UMH No. 404

*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

Announcements

The Bethany Discernment Committee would like to invite you to join us for a conversation about the issues facing our Church. Open conversation, mutual respect and trust are imperative as we go through this period of Holy Discernment. These conversations will be a chance to share your feelings about the schism within the Church. These discussions are not intended to be a debate regarding the issues, but rather a chance for us to listen to others, speak what is on our hearts, and continue to do God's work here at Bethany. We will continue to provide information that we have to help everyone make an informed decision about the future of our church.

We'd like to invite everyone to a Sunday afternoon conversation at 4pm each Sunday in November. These conversations will start this Sunday and several rooms have been reserved for small groups to ask questions and have an opportunity to share how they feel and why. Please join us and alleviate some of the fears and misconceptions that have been spread around Bethany.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

We are very excited to have almost half of our goal reached, but there are over 200 boxes out there that need to be returned and packed with love for Jesus! These children are waiting to hear God's message, so PLEASE turn those boxes in! The final due date is **November 13**. If you have any questions, please contact Shawn Kahn at 609.319.6271.

Special Speaker for BNOW- Nov. 8

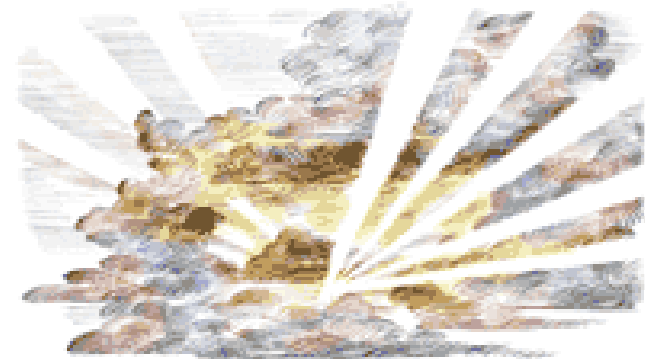
Join us **November 8 at 6:15pm** for an informative presentation on dementia and it's effect on the family. This will be after the BNOW meal in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a family member that is suffering with dementia, this is a talk that will help you in your journey.

Charge Conference

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

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of our beloved classmates and loved ones from the
Friendship Circle Sunday school class.*

Bethany United Methodist Church Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.



All Saints' Day

Bob Barrows

Anne Batten

Cecil Buddin

Stephen Buddin

Ed Chinnis

Jim Ellis

Kerry Farmer

Betty Gabrielli

May Gunter

Ed Hickey

Martha Johnson

Janet Kaminski

Gene Malphrus

Martha Mason

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