

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 7, 2024  
Epiphany Sunday  
Baptism of the Lord

### Gathering

#### Prelude

Holly Slice

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

\* **Hymn of Praise** Morning Has Broken UMH 145

\* **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** Romans 8: 26-27

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

**Sermon** Power of the Holy Spirit 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

#### Thanksgiving over the Water

UMH 51,52

#### 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** Surely the Presence of the Lord UMH 328

#### \*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

### **January Happy Hearts**

The speaker for the January Happy Hearts meeting is Lieutenant Colonel Joe Tallon (Retired) who served over 37 years in the US Army from 1969 to 2007. Joe has written the book, *100 Days in Vietnam: A Memoir of Love, War and Survival* that tells of the day-to-day life of a first lieutenant in combat. This book is based on the letters Joe sent to his wife, Martha Anne, during his time in Vietnam.

The meal, served at 12pm, will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, assorted desserts, and tea for \$8. Reservations are due in by January 21.

**Note the change in making reservation: Register online at [happyhearts@bethany-umc.com](mailto:happyhearts@bethany-umc.com) or call 843.771.3979.**

### **Offering Envelopes**

The 2024 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway by the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today!

### **Wintertime Blues?**

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring on sadness, and talking about it can help. Let Stephen Ministry share your burdens. Please reach out.

For women: Sue Malphrus at 843.345. 9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457. For men: Denis Tsukalas at 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130.

### **Wednesday Night BNOW**

Bethany NOW, our Wednesday Night program, includes food, fellowship and fun for all ages. We will **resume on Jan. 10** with adult and children's classes and an exciting dinner menu! Please see bulletin insert for class descriptions. We hope to see you there!

### **Scan to Give Option**

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**Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 843.429.1848.**



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

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