

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 4, 2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

### 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** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381

\* **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: 1-11

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

**Sermon** Not Guilty 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** Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH 382

#### \*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  
and in celebration of the marriage of  
Richard Hussey III and Moura Maseha.*

## Announcements

### Souper Bowl Sunday

Today we will be collecting money for Souper Bowl of Caring. All the money raised will go to feed local students in area schools. Please look for kids standing outside the worship service when you leave to donate money or scan the QR code to give directly from your phone. Donate to your favorite Super Bowl team and let's see who raises the most money! Thank you for your support.



Bethany UMC  
Souper Bowl of Caring  
http://www.bethany-umc.com

### Children's Church

There will be no Children's Church this week due to Communion. There will also be no Children's Church on February 11. February 11 is Kid's Sunday in Word and Table and kids will be involved with all aspects of service.

### New Member Sunday

Are you interested in joining our church family? Our next New Member Sunday will be **Sunday, Feb. 18** for all services. If you are interested in joining, or for more information, please contact our Membership Director Jack Sehrt, at 843.873.1230 or [jsahrt@bethany-umc.com](mailto:jsahrt@bethany-umc.com).

### Ash Wednesday & Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, **February 14**, is the beginning of the Lenten season. Worship services will be offered at 7 am in Spell Chapel and 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary. Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will have guest ministers preaching for our Lenten services in Spell Chapel at 6:15pm.

**February 21:** Rev. Richard Hogue

**February 28:** Rev. Jo Locklair

**March 6:** Rev. Burton Ott

**March 13:** Rev. Mitch Houston

**March 20:** Rev. Bob Lee

### 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!



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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