

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 18, 2024  
First Sunday in Lent

## Gathering

### Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

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

## Welcome and Announcements

## Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise      My Hope is Built      UMH No. 368

\*The Responsive Reading~      Psalm 33: 13-22      UMH No. 768

The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and sees all peoples;

**the Lord sits enthroned and looks forth  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,  
fashioning the hearts of them all,  
and observing all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and despite its great might it cannot save.**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who are faithful  
and hope for God's steadfast love  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

**Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and shield.**

Our heart is glad in the Lord,  
because we trust in God's holy name.

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.**

## \*Gloria Patri

### Congregational Prayer and the 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

\*Doxology      UMH No. 95

\*Scripture Lesson      Romans 8: 31-39  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Sermon      God Is For Us      Rev. Mark Barnes

\*Hymn of Dedication      He Touched Me      UMH No. 367

## \*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

### **Blood Drive**

Give the gift of life and give blood today! American Red Cross will be in the gym today from 8am-1pm. To make an appointment, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code BETHANYUMC or call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

### **Lenten Services**

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

### **Wednesday Night BNOW**

*BNOW will continue during Lent with dinner, Children's Activities and Lenten Worship. Dinner will be from 5-6 pm, with Children's Activities starting at 6 pm. Lenten Worship will be at 6:15 pm in Spell Chapel.*

The meal for this week (**February 21**) will be ham, scalloped potatoes, hot vegetable, roll, salad bar and dessert. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Friendship Circle. Meals are \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Seniors (over 65) and \$5 for Children (12 and under) with a family maximum of \$25 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household).

### **Men's BBQ Fundraiser**

The Men of Bethany will have a BBQ Fundraiser next Sunday, February 25. This is carry out only by the plate, or you may purchase BBQ pork by the pound. Tickets are \$10 per meal (includes pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, bread and dessert). Two tickets (\$20) will get you a lb. of BBQ with sauce. Pick up is 10:30am-12:30pm. Tickets will be available at the door or you can get them early from Ann Gill in the church office.

### **Happy Hearts**

The next Happy Hearts Luncheon is Friday, February 23. The Plantation Singers will be our guest performers. The Plantation Singers of Charleston, SC are a professional a cappella singing group renowned locally, nationally and internationally for their singing of the music of the Lowcountry. The lunch of fried chicken, rice, hot vegetable, rolls, Boston Cream pie and tea for \$8 will be served at 12pm. **Meal reservations are due by today.** Make your meal reservation by calling 843.771.3979. ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

**Safety and Assistance Emergency number available on Sunday mornings from 7:30am-12:30pm 854.429.1848.**



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

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