

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 3, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

## 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** Lift High the Cross UMH 159

\* **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** Spell Ensemble

\* **Doxology** UMH 95

\* **Scripture Lesson** Matthew 16: 21-26

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

**Sermon** Walking to the Cross 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** Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH 399

### \*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

### **Informative Meeting for Camp Nathaneal Trip**

There is an information and update meeting for the Camp Nathaneal trip today in the Conference Room at 10 am. For more information, contact Roanna Payne at 843.343.9217 or roanna1958@bellsouth.net.

### **Lenten Services**

Each Wednesday night during Lent, we will have guest ministers preaching for our Lenten services in Spell Chapel at 6:15pm.

**March 6:** Rev. Mitch Houston

**March 13:** Rev. Burton Ott

**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 (**March 6**) will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, biscuit, salad bar and dessert. The Sunday School class that will be hosting is Charles Peace.

### **Holy Week and Easter Worship Times**

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

**Maunder Thursday Service** - March 28 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

**Good Friday Service** - March 29 at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday Services** - March 31 Sunrise Service is Azalea Park at 6:30 am. Spell Chapel Service at 8am, Word & Table Contemporary Service at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall and Traditional Services at 8:45 and 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

### **Wintertime Blues?**

If more than temporary, maybe you could benefit from a warm and caring Stephen Minister. Grey and chilly days can bring 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.

### **Special Lenten Offering**

A part of Bethany's participation in the Lenten season is the giving of a special offering as a church that is above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings. Our special Lenten Offering will go to Holy City Missions. Scan the QR code to give or leave your offering in the plate located by the front entrance.



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.***

March 3, 2024

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