

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 10, 2024
Fourth 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** Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

***The Responsive Reading~** **Psalm 107: 1-9** UMH 830-831

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

**hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,

**and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

*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

Offertory

***Doxology** UMH 95

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 2: 1-10, Numbers 21: 4-9

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Empty Body

Rev. Michael Ritter

***Hymn of Dedication** Lord of the Dance UMH 261

*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

Mission Promise Cards

Mission Promise Cards are in the bulletin today, asking you to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do. This is a pledge above your regular tithes and offerings, and a chance to make an impact in our community. All monies collected will be allocated to local and global mission partner organizations. Please complete the cards and drop them in the offering plate. This is a pledge between you and God, you will not be contacted regarding your pledge. RISE UP and help make a difference!

Lenten Services

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

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.



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 13**) will be pizza, salad bar and cookie. The Sunday School classes that will be hosting are Daily Break and SALT.

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.

Maundy 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.

March Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts will meet on March 22 at noon in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and entertainment. The entertainment this month will be professional ultra-versatile Michael Minor. The lunch menu is BBQ, hash & rice, coleslaw, combread, assorted desserts and tea. Lunch is \$8 and meal reservations are due by March 17 by calling 843.771.3979. **(Note the changes in making reservations.)** ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.



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

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