

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 14, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## 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

## Care Team's Mission

## Invocation

\*Hymn of Praise Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH No. 304

\*The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 4 UMH No. 741

Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

**You have given me room when I was in distress.**

**Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**

How long, O people, shall my honor suffer shame?

**How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?**

But know that the Lord has set apart the righteous of God's own;

**the Lord hears when I call.**

Be angry, but do not sin;

**commune with your own hearts in your beds, and be silent.**

Offer right sacrifices,

**and put your trust in the Lord.**

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!"

**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord!"**

You have put more joy in my heart

than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

## \*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

Stay With Us

Spell Ensemble

### \*Doxology

UMH No. 95

### \*Scripture Lesson

The Word of God for the people of God.

*Thanks be to God.*

Luke 24: 36b-48

### Sermon

Trust and Obey

Rev. Michael Ritter

### \*Hymn of Dedication

Trust and Obey

UMH No. 467

### \*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 by donating blood. American RedCross will be here **TODAY** from 8am-1pm in the Gym. To register, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsorcode: BETHANYUMC, or call Rodney 843.709.0953.

### **A Conversation on General Conference**

Please join us on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall for an informative meeting about the upcoming United Methodist General Conference. Dave Braddon, a Bethany member and General Conference Delegate, along with George Howard, Bethany Discernment Committee, will be present to answer questions from the Bethany Discernment Committee.

Greg Cook, the Discernment Committee Chair, will lead the questioning and help direct the conversation. During the meeting, Dave and George will discuss key topics such as What is General Conference, How does General Conference work, Why it is important to Bethany, and potential voting topics that could arise at the Conference. The regular Bethany NOW dinner will be available from 5-6pm. We will be having fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and a hot vegetable. The cost is \$9 adults, \$7 seniors, and \$5 kids 12 & under. There will not be regular Bethany NOW Adult classes this evening. Everyone is welcome to attend, but please note that this is an informational meeting and there will not be time for questions from the congregation.

### **National Day of Prayer Breakfast Help Needed**

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 2. Help is needed on Wednesday, May 1st setting up the room and prepping food. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm to help clean the room, set up tables, and decorate. Meet in the kitchen at 6pm to help prepare casseroles and other food. We need at least 6 people in each area. If you, please help with this important ministry.

### **Singers of Summerville Concert**

**Sunday April 28 at 3:00 pm** the Singers of Summerville will present their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert – *A Sentimental Journey*. Former directors Paul Fletcher, Dr. Valerie Bullock and David Richardson will be sharing the podium with the new Artistic Director, Ryan Pagels. The performance will be at Bethany Methodist followed by a reception at Timrod Library. Tickets are \$15 at the door (and now at the Welcome Desk), or \$10 in advance – online at [singersofsummerville.org](http://singersofsummerville.org).

### **Happy Hearts Luncheon**

The next Happy Hearts Lunch meeting will be on Friday, April 26 and will feature singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Kevin Jarvis. A lunch of lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, assorted desserts and tea will be served at 12 pm for \$8.00. Make your lunch reservation by **April 21** by calling 843.771.3979 or email [rooneyjrclan@mac.com](mailto:rooneyjrclan@mac.com).



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

April 14, 2024

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