

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</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

## Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH No. 399

### \*The Responsive Reading~

**Psalm 48: 1-9**

UMH No. 782

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God;

**whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,  
is the joy of all the earth,  
Mount Zion, in the far north,  
the city of the great Ruler.**

**Within its citadels God  
has proven a sure defense.**

For lo, the kings assembled,  
they marched together.

**As soon as they saw it, they were astounded,  
they were in panic, they took to flight;**

trembling took hold of them there,  
anguish as of a woman in travail,

**as when an east wind shatters  
the ships of Tarshish.**

As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God,  
which God establishes for ever.

**We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.**

### \*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 No. 95

### \*Scripture Lesson

Colossians 1: 1-8

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

### Sermon

A Letter for Then and Now

Rev. Mark Barnes

### \*Hymn of Dedication

UMH No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### \*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

### **Epworth is our Ministry!**

Last year Epworth Children's Home served over 1,400 children and families through their statewide programs. Each of these children had this opportunity because of churches in South Carolina who embrace and provide for this ministry. On Sunday, May 12, we will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering to benefit the children who call Epworth home, as well as each child and family touched by Epworth's ministries. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Wednesday Night BNOW**

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone. BNOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 pm. The meal for this week (**April 24**) will be a taco bar, Spanish rice, black beans and pudding parfaits. 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). Meal reservations are no longer required.

### **Let the SON Shine In!**

Allow HIM and YOUR Stephen Minister to help carry your burdens. It will lighten your life and lift your spirits. Please accept this gift with a note or call to Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130. Also reach out with a call or text to Sue D. Malphrus at 843.435.9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457.

### **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 **TODAY** by calling 843.771.3979 or email [rooneyjrclan@mac.com](mailto:rooneyjrclan@mac.com). ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

### **Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday will be **May 19 in the 8:45 worship service**. If you have a graduating high school senior and would like for them to be recognized, please register them on our website- [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

### **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 can, please help with this important ministry.



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

April 21, 2024

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