

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 12, 2024
7th 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** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God UMH No. 110

***The Responsive Reading~** **Psalm 1: 1-6** UMH No. 738

Blessed are those
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;
or stand in the way of sinners,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees
planted by streams of water
that yield their fruit in season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

*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 2: 1-12

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon From the Shadows to the Substance Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication** To God Be the Glory UMH No. 98

*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



Christian sympathies go out to Pat Lindenmeyer, whose son Jeff Lindenmeyer, joined the church triumphant on May 7, 2024.

Announcements

Today We Give to the Epworth Mother's Day Offering!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care, safety, and services for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

Time and Talent Form

The 2025 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms, and around the church. **Please turn completed forms into the Business Office at your earliest convenience!** Forms can also be completed by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.bethany-umc.com. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!



Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors next week during the 8:45am service in the main Sanctuary. High School and College graduates will be recognized during the service. If you have a student who is graduating, please contact Kyle or Mandy with that information ASAP. You may also register your student by scanning the QR code. There will also be a special dinner honoring our graduating high school seniors that night at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Families of graduating seniors are very welcome to attend.



Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation will be next Sunday during the 11:15 service. Rev. Ritter and I have enjoyed working with our amazing mentors to guide these young people in making their decision to join the Church. We look forward to celebrating with all of the Confirmands next Sunday- Kyle Boczkowski.

Bethany Golf Tournament

Join us on Saturday, May 18 for the Bethany Annual Golf Tournament at Summerville Country Club. Registration can be done by scanning the QR code or by contacting Kyle via phone or kboczkowski@bethany-umc.com. The cost is \$70 per player and includes breakfast, BBQ lunch, awards and door prizes.



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

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