

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to speak to people sitting around you whom you may not know. Hebrews 13:2 (KJV) says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

Prelude

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Jessica White, piano

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

- * **Opening Hymn, UM Hymnal No. 368**

My Hope Is Built

- * **Invitation to Communion**

Prayer of General Confession (pray in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pardon

Leader: 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!

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

- * **Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings**

- * **Doxology**

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- * **The Gospel Lesson**

John 12:1-8

Minister: The word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Adams

"The Sweet Smell of Sacrifice"

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 HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

(Congregation, please follow along in your hymnal on page 13)

Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

The Giving

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the table as the organ plays softly)

Prayer after Receiving

- * **Hymn of Dedication, UM Hymnal No. 298**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- * **Benediction**

- * **Postlude**

The altar greens are given to the glory of God.

* If able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family (as of 3/29)

Roper: John Lemen

Home: Mac McLaurin

We extend our Christian sympathies to Dee Stample Starvis & Rick Stample at the March 24 death of their daughter, Meghan Stample.

We extend our Christian sympathies to Jolie & David Tatar at the death of their daughter, Alivia Watson on March 26.

2017 Lenten Ministers

Our final Lenten mid-week service will be on Wednesday, April 5. Rev. Houston will be our minister. The service will begin at 6:15 PM.

Holy Week with Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper"

Bethany UMC will present The Living Dramatization of Leonardo da Vinci's 'The Last Supper', during Holy Week.

The presentation is a moving drama, meant to help people better understand the passion of Christ in the events leading up to His crucifixion.

Two presentations are planned:

- **Holy Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 PM.**, in the Fellowship Hall
- **Good Friday, April 14, at 7:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall

Communion will be served. The drama is recommended for adults and youth, and a nursery will be provided for children under age four.

Free tickets are available on the first floor outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Worship Opportunities

Easter Sunday, April 16

- 6:45 AM Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair
*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)
- 8 AM Worship in Spell Chapel
- 8:45 AM and 11:45 AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**
- 8:45 AM and 11:45 AM Word and Table Contemporary Services in the Fellowship Hall**

** A Nursery will be provided

Bethany NOW Lenten Schedule

During the Lenten season, we will continue to offer a meal beginning at 5 PM. The meal for this week is Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. The Sunday School support is Spiritual Growth. There will not be any adult NOW activities, we encourage attending worship at 6:15 PM in Spell Chapel.



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

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