

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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.

David Richardson, piano

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

* **Opening Hymn, UM Hymnal No. 158**

Come Christians, Join to Sing

* **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: **Glorify to God. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem

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

* **Doxology**

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The Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Adams

"Clay in the Hands of a Mighty God"

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. 421**

Make Me a Captive, Lord

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Bethany Care Team.

* If able, please stand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany NOW Spring Schedule

Join us for our Wednesday night activities with classes for everyone. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 PM. The meal for this week will be Cheese Stuffed Pasta, Salad bar, Broccoli and Garlic Bread. Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12, with a family maximum of \$20. (Immediate family consists of parents and children only.) The Sunday School support will be Friendship Circle.

Epworth Children's Home- Next Sunday!

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive denominational funding (apportionments). This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Memorial Day- "Poppy Sunday"

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 28 with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. Checks may be written as such and ALL donations are tax deductible. We are providing this opportunity under the auspices of American Legion Post #166. Thank you all for your continued support in this worthy project.

The Mary and Martha Circle

The New UMW circle now has a name- The Mary and Martha Circle. We chose this name in hopes to embody the best characteristics of these two women; Mary with her passion for listening to the words of Jesus and Martha with her willingness to do hands-on work. The next meeting will be on May 15 at 6 PM at the home of Anita Owen, 107 Deer Str. in Summerville. We will have a light dinner and work on crafts for Mission u. Mission u is a time of study at Spartanburg Methodist College in July. There is a craft room where items are sold to benefit 5 mission projects in South Carolina.

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