

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 21, 2017

*Sixth 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, organist

### *Welcome to Worship*

### Greeting

#### \* Opening Hymn, UM Hymnal No. 99

*To God Be the Glory*

#### \* Psalter ~ Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.**

<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"

<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,**

<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**

#### \* Gloria Patri, No. 70

*Meineke*

### Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you**

Minister: Let us pray

### 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.

### Offertory

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

#### \* Doxology

UM Hymnal Pg. 95

### The Lesson

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Rev. Houston

#### \* Affirmation of Faith

Hymnal No. 881

#### \* Hymn of Dedication, UM Hymnal No. 381

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

#### \* Benediction

#### \* Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Celebrating Pastor Adriane**

Please join us as we honor and thank Rev. Adriane Burgess for her many years of dedicated service on Wednesday, June 7 from 6-8 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served and casual attire recommended. Cards and letters to Pastor Adriane can be dropped off in the Welcome Center during normal church business hours or on Sunday mornings. The box will be given to Adriane on June 7.

## **Temporary Sunday School Update**

The roof repairs are moving along quickly. As a result of this project, the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Sunday school classroom hallway and stairwell will be closed and under construction sooner than expected. In lieu of separate Sunday School classes for adults, there will be a joint Sunday School gathering in Spell Chapel at 10:00 AM led by Sam Wood. This will be for May 21 and May 28. On June 4, we should move back to our regular scheduled rooms.

Also, Fellowship Hall will be without A.C. for the next two weeks. First-floor classrooms can meet as scheduled, but they will not have A.C. Thank you for your understanding as we are all very excited about this project being completed, and thrilled that we are moving ahead faster than expected

## **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.

## **We Want Your Paper Towel Rolls!**

Children's Ministries is collecting empty paper towel tubes. We need 450 of them! You can place empty, clean tubes in a box at the bottom of the stairs by the VBS display. We do NOT need toilet paper tubes, only long ones from paper towels. Thanks for your help with this project!!

## **Calling All Men...**

We need YOU to join the Men's Choir for our Annual Patriotic Anthem during worship services on July 2! Join us at our first rehearsal on June 4 in the Sanctuary immediately following the 8:45 service.



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

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