

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 23, 2017**

**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**

Holly Slice

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

**Welcome to Worship**

**Greeting**

\* **Opening Hymn**      *My Hope Is Built*              UM Hymnal, No. 368

\* **Psalter ~ Psalm 139:1-12**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,  
you know it altogether.**

You pursue me behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is high, I cannot attain it.**

Whither shall I go from your spirit?

**Or whither shall I flee from your presence?**

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

**If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.**

If I say, "Let only darkness cover me,  
and the light about me be night,"

**even the darkness is not dark to you,  
the night is bright as the day;  
for darkness is as light with you.**

\* **Gloria Patri**, UM Hymnal, 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, No. 95

**The Scripture Lesson**

Matthew 21:23-27

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**              **A Problem with Authority**              **Rev. Scott Adams**

\* **Hymn of Dedication**      *Precious Name*              UM Hymnal, No. 536

\* **Benediction**

\* **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Bethany Family:

**East Cooper:** Martha Mason **Trident:** Robbie Sharpton, John Lemen  
*Our Christian sympathies to Evie Stufflebeam and family at the death of her 102 year old mother, Mary Fessler on July 16 in Dorsey, IL.*  
*Also, Christian sympathies to Rev. Mitch Houston on the death of his mother, Betty Houston of Easley, SC.*

### Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop is Coming Soon!

Volunteers are needed to help transform Bethany UMC into a lovely Tea Room experience. Decorations are done. Your help is needed to complete the transformation on Sunday, Oct. 1. For more information please contact Kim Lucius [klucius@sc.rr.com](mailto:klucius@sc.rr.com). Save the date! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop dates are Oct. 2-7 and Oct. 9-14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Church Pictorial Directory

Come get your picture taken and receive a FREE 8x10. We need YOU to make our Church Directory complete! Mark your calendars for Aug. 15-19, Aug. 22-26 from 2-8:40 p.m. (No time slots for Aug 23, in hopes all will support the GIC). ONLINE Registration is NOW OPEN.

(<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9rj6dcce/>)

For those members who do not have computer access you will be able to register on Sunday mornings July 23 and 30 outside of the Fellowship Hall.

### Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, July 28 at 12 p.m. The Speaker will be Genie Gore, author of "Soaring Above All". Come join us to see how powerful God is and how His Words can completely revolutionize your life events and pull you above it all.

Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is always open to all Bethany Members and their guests that would like to attend, but **reservations are required by Wed., July 26**. For this month only, please call Dot Prevatte at 843.970.8634, or email her at [dmprevatte@yahoo.com](mailto:dmprevatte@yahoo.com). Our menu for the July meeting includes Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit Salad, Yellow Cake, Rolls, and Tea/Lemonade/Water, with Lemon. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person.

### Chancel Choir Kick-Off

The Bethany United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will hold a Fall Kick-off for all members and potential members on Sat., Aug. 19 from 9 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. The Kick-off session will include rehearsals, fellowship and a luncheon. Anyone interested in joining the Chancel Choir should contact either Valerie Bullock at [vbullock@bethany-umc.com](mailto:vbullock@bethany-umc.com) or Larry Krueger at [lmk4161@yahoo.com](mailto:lmk4161@yahoo.com) for more information.



## *Bethany United Methodist Church*

### *Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.*

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