

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 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** *Sweet By and By* Cokesbury Hymnal, No. 199

* **Psalter ~ Psalm 105:1-6**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

Sing to the Lord, sing praises!

Tell of all God's wonderful works!

Glory in God's holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength;

seek the Lord's presence continually!

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,

children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

* **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.

The Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Kiana Buchanan and Sarah Culpepper

Violin Duet

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

* **Doxology**

UM Hymnal, No. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:44-46

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Eureka"

Rev. Scott Adams

* **Hymn of Dedication**

Cokesbury Hymnal, No. 8

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

Hospitals: Trident- Robbie Sharpton

Sympathies: Please join us in Christian sympathy as we mourn the loss of John Lemen who passed on July 22.

Please join us in Christian sympathy as we mourn with Pastor Mitch and his family on the passing of his Mother, Betty Houston.

The family has suggested that memorials be made to the Bethany Music Ministry or towards the Bethany roof repair. Please specify when making a memorial.

Assistance Needed with Hands of Christ School Supplies

The Local Missions committee will sort and box the Hands of Christ Back-to-School Supplies on Sunday, Aug. 6 after Sunday school in the Friendship Circle classroom. Please come by and help with this worthy cause! The items will then be distributed to the requesting schools.

Wanted: Meals on Wheels Volunteers Substitute Drivers

Meals on Wheels is in need of substitute drivers for the summer and fall. If you can contribute a few hours of your time each week, or even once a month, please call their Volunteer Coordinator, Leslie at 843.873.8224.

New Dates for 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 and new dates that have recently opened: Sept. 19-23, Oct. 17- 21 and Oct 24- 28 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 morning, July 30 outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you from Mitch and Martha Houston

Thank you all so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls and acts of kindness shown to me during my mother's illness and death. You are a loving and caring congregation.

Free Firewood!

Two trees (Oak and Pine) will be chopped down on Aug. 4. If you would like free firewood, please call Kevin Slack 703.887.3147.



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

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