

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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

UM Hymnal No. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

* Psalter ~Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say---
**if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when foes rose up against us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;**
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
**then the raging waters
would have gone over us.**

Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!

**We have escaped as a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;**
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped!

**Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.**

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

* Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

* Doxology

UM Hymnal, No. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Duane Brown

How God Used Amateurs to Expand His Church

Faith Promise Invitation

* **Hymn of Dedication** *Here I Am, Lord* UM Hymnal No. 593

* Benediction

* Postlude

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: Hospitals: SUMC Martin Korytko

Epworth Children's Home

Epworth Children's Home goes above and beyond just food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children's Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, **Sept. 10** our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children who call Epworth home.

Membership Directory Volunteer- Help wanted.

Volunteers are needed to help register & check in families during our pictorial directory days. Sept 19-Sept 23, Oct 17- Oct 21, Oct 24-Oct 28 on Tues.-Fri. times are 2 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays are 8:45 a.m. to Noon, and Noon to 4:30 p.m. Email ebador@bethany-umc.com to sign up to serve.

Also, don't forget to sign up to get your portrait taken. You will receive a free 8x10! Registration is today ONLINE. (<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/9rj6dcce/>) For those members who do not have computer access please call the church office at 843.873.1230.

Autumn Tea Room Oct. 2-7 & Oct. 9-13

It's that time of year once again to "Think Tea"! Five weeks from now, Bethany's 12th annual Autumn Tea Room will open its doors to the community and there are so many ways to help, even if you can't be there during Tea Room hours. The information center/sign-up boards are now on display in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Gift Certificates will be available in the Welcome Center beginning Mon., Aug. 28.

Bethany NOW Kick-Off Aug. 30

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin with a kick-off dinner on Wed., Aug. 30. We will be serving meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and cookies, and there will be no charge. Following dinner, there will be a brief devotion and an overview of upcoming classes. A nursery will be available and the gym will be opened for elementary aged children. Classes begin Sept. 6. Find more info in the September edition of the *Bethany Beacon*.

Global Impact Celebration

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Bethany United Methodist Church

Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.

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