

ORDER OF WORSHIP

13th Sunday After Pentecost

September 3, 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** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* UM Hymnal No. 715

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of 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: Glory to God. Amen

The Offertory

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

* **Doxology**

UM Hymnal, No. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 16:21-27

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Life for Christ's Sake

Rev. Jo Locklair

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 our 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** *I Am Thine, O Lord* UM Hymnal No. 419

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family:

As of Wednesday, Aug. 30 the church office did not know of any Bethany members in the hospital.

Bethany NOW Classes Begin Sept. 6

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin on Wed., Sept. 6. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the September edition of the *Bethany Beacon* or online at www.bethany-umc.com. Join a class today.

Bethany Now Schedule

- 5-6:15 p.m..... Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6-7:30 p.m..... Children's Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m..... Youth Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m..... Adult Classes

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

Bethany Basics September 6

We are taking reservations for the next "New Member" orientation class. The class will be September 6, at 6 p.m. in Spell Chapel. This is a great way for potential new members, repeat guests, or regular visitors to learn about ALL that Bethany UMC does to be the hands & feet of Jesus, and transform the world and make disciples for Christ. To reserve your seat today, please email Jack Sehart, membership director, jsehart@bethany-umc.com or call him 843.873.1230.

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/9rj6dccc/>) 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

Bethany's 12th annual Autumn Tea Room will open its doors to the community beginning Oct. 2 and run through Oct. 13. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. The information center/sign-up boards are now on display in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall. Gift Certificates are available in the Welcome Center.



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

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