

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
*World Communion Sunday*

**October 1, 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. 400

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**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**

Exodus 17:1-7

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*The Pearl of Sinai*

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** *Fill My Cup, Lord* UM Hymnal No. 641

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

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*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of Jim Dominianni by his family.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bethany Family:**

*Sympathies:* We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Erik Pieper and family on the death of his mother.

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Debbie Dominianni and family on the death of her husband, Jim Dominianni, on September 22.

### **Autumn Tea Room Set Up & Gift Shop Open House Today**

We will be setting up the dining room for the Autumn Tea Room beginning at 10 a.m. this morning. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall throughout the morning to lend a hand. The Tea Room Gift Shop will also hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in Room 118. There will be no pre-selling or reserving, but take a minute to walk through to see the layout and plan your purchases!

### **Oct. 4 and 11 Bethany NOW Dinners**

On Oct. 4 and 11, during the Autumn Tea Room and Gift Shop, the NOW dinners will be a take-out meal. The cost will be \$6 and there will not be a family discount. Please place your order by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 by Monday at noon of each week. It is VERY important to make reservations during this time, we will not be ordering extras.

### **Bethany's Autumn Tea Room Begins Tomorrow**

Bethany's Autumn Tea Room, Gift Shop and Fresh Market starts tomorrow! Our sincere thanks to all who have already volunteered, however there are still some very important positions that need volunteers to make this a success and there is still time to sign up and get involved! Keep the Bethany tradition of giving alive and take part in this worthy event! The Tea Room is open the following dates: Oct. 2-6, Mon.- Fri., and Oct. 9-13, Mon.- Fri., from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please take a moment to sign up this morning! Sign-up boards are located outside of the Fellowship Hall.

### **UMW New Hope Circle**

The United Methodist Women's New Hope Circle will be meeting on Tuesday night, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the home of Lou Minus, 105 Tallow St., Summerville. Speaker will be Pam Christ, a board member of the Dorchester County Community Outreach which operates Home of Hope, Summerville's shelter for homeless men. She will share with us their plans to open Hope's House, a shelter for homeless women. This meeting is open to all women. Contact Donna Waite at 843.879.3395 or donnabwaite@aol.com for more information.



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

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