

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 19, 2017

Consecration Sunday

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

UN Hymnal No. 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

* Psalter ~ Psalm 76:1-6

In Judah God is known,
whose name is great in Israel,
whose abode has been established in Salem,
whose dwelling place is in Zion.

**There God broke the flashing arrows,
the shield, the sword, and the weapons of war.**

You are glorious, more majestic
than the everlasting mountains.

**The stouthearted were stripped of their spoil;
they sank into sleep;**

all the soldiers
were unable to use their hands.

**At your rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both rider and horse lay stunned.**

* 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

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Once Lost and Now Found

Rev. Bob Lee

Consecration of our Time, Talents and Treasure

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Please prayerfully consider filling out your pledge card. While the music is playing, walk up to the altar railing to place your card on the altar. You may kneel in prayer for as long as you like. As you finish, please reverently and silently exit the sanctuary.

* Postlude

**Please stand*

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: *Sympathies- Our Christian sympathies to Dana & Larry Wells on the death of his mother, Ellen Wells who died Nov. 10.*

Consecration Sunday

Today we offer and dedicate our time, talent and gifts to God's service. We are asking everyone to please turn in their commitment card to doing God's work in our church, community, and the world for 2018.

Charge Conference- Date Change!

The annual Charge Conference will be held on Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend.

Each ministry area at Bethany UMC was encouraged to provide a brief re-cap as to what they have worked on in the past year and what they hope to accomplish in the upcoming year. The 2017 Charge Conference will cover the happenings at Bethany from Oct. 1, 2016 thru Sept. 30, 2017.

Living Christmas Story

Casting: We are excited that the Living Christmas Story is less than a month away. The casting sign-up boards still have a lot of white space. Please continue to sign up on the casting board downstairs. Even if you have always been there in the past and think we know you are coming, it helps to have it filled out in advance.

Orientation: For those that are new or just need a refresher on what to expect, we will be holding informal orientations on Nov. 19, 26 and Dec. 3. The orientations will be in Spell from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. Stop by before or after your church service or during Sunday School and we will let you know what to expect and answer any questions you have.

Sets: We continue to work on getting the sets ready. On Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 we will work from 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. Dec. 3 we will complete the sets, starting as soon as the 11:15 church service is over. At 5 p.m. we will have a soup dinner for all workers outside the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Matt Bates at 803.767.8891 or mbates992@hotmail.com with any questions!

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The church office will reopen on Monday, Nov. 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Basket Packing

Everyone is invited to stop by today at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to help Local Missions pack donated items for this year's Thanksgiving Baskets.

There will be **No Thanksgiving Eve Service** this year.



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

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