

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 2018

### 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. 203

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### 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

Minister: 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

Luke 2:21-40

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Living Toward a Vision*

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

UM Hymnal No. 368

*My Hope Is Built*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bethany Family:**

**Hospitals:** Trident- Barbara Butler, Roper Downtown- Jean Alexander

### **Global Impact Celebration Pledge 2018**

If you filled out a GIC pledge card for contributing funds above and beyond your tithing, you can submit your contributions starting NOW! You may write "GIC" in the memo subject line & make your contribution weekly, monthly or in one amount.

### **Bethany NOW**

Join us on Wednesday nights for activities and classes for everyone.

NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is Chili with corn bread, Southwest corn and Salad bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Daily Bread/Providence. *Meals are \$7 for Adults, \$5 for Seniors & \$4 for Children, with a family maximum of \$20 (2 parents and children under 12 that live in the same household).*

### **UMW New Hope Circle-Location Change**

The United Methodist Women's New Hope Circle will meet on Tues., Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at the home of Martha Minson, 105 Hutchinson Lane (*please note location change from previous announcements.*) The program, entitled "Learning for a Lifetime: Developing Leaders", will focus on women leaders who have influenced us, as well as our responsibility to equip and mentor other women and girls for leadership. All women are welcome. Contact Donna Waite at 843.879.3395 or donnabwaite@aol.com for more info.

### **Global Impact Celebration (GIC)**

Missional impacts are important to Bethany. Plans are in the works for our next GIC Celebration. We are looking for more folks to help us and join the committee. If you have a passion for programs/projects & mission work, we need you! The next GIC meeting will be Monday, Feb. 12 in Room 125 at 6:30 p.m.

This is the beginning meeting for the next event, and Dr. Duane Brown will join us to help us strategize for future continued successes. Questions? Contact GIC Committee Chair, David Powel at dp4teamh1@aol.com.

### **Adult Sunday School Help**

The Sue Knight Sunday School class is looking for someone to lead lessons for them on a quarterly basis. They use the Cokesbury Adult literature which includes quarterly studies of biblical topics and books of the Bible. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com.



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

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