

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday in Lent/ Baptismal Reaffirmation
February 18, 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 723

Shall We Gather at the River

Prayer of Confession

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. 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.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

* Doxology

UM Hymnal, No. 95

The Scripture Lesson

Matthew 3:13-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You Have What It Takes"

Rev. Scott Adams

Service of Congregational Reaffirmation

Hymnal Pg. 50

(Please follow along in your hymnal)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

The Reaffirmation of Faith

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the baptismal font.)

* Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal No. 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

* Benediction

* Postlude

**Please stand*

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethany Family: *Sympathies:* Our Christian sympathies to Pat Murray on the death of her mother, who died on Feb. 6.

Our Christian sympathies to Jessica Zoltanski on the death of her father, Robert Hoffman, who died on Feb. 7.

Our Christian sympathies to Janie Banks on the death of her brother, who died on Feb. 9.

Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite everyone to join hands with the Summerville Family YMCA in celebrating their annual Flowertown Festival Apr. 6-8.

During the festival, Bethany will again provide a restful location with live Christian music; a free bottle of water and a complimentary koozie, for visiting our “Picnic/Oasis Area”.

You may be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in one of the following ways: the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for “Living Water”.

Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the “Living Water”, answer questions, pray, and to keep the Oasis/Picnic Area tidy and neat. Signup sheets are on the Flowertown Festival display table outside of the Fellowship Hall.

Bethany NOW

Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner and continued classes and activities for the children. We encourage the adults to attend the Lenten Services at 6:15 p.m. in Spell Chapel. NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is Chicken Divan with Biscuits and Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Searchers. **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).**

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, Feb. 23 at 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Michael Viljac, Musician. Michael grew up with Country Music. Come join us and enjoy the music. The menu will be Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cabbage, Fruit Salad, Apple Pie, Rolls/Butter, Iced Tea with Lemon & Water.

Bethany Happy Hearts Luncheon is open to any adult regardless of age that would like to attend, but reservations are required. To make reservations for the Feb. 23 luncheon, please call Linda Field 843.832.9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com by Tuesday, Feb. 20.



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

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