

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 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      *Victory in Jesus*      UM Hymnal No. 370

## 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

Exodus 19:5-6; 20:1-17

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"A Way of Life That Works"

Rev. Jo Locklair

## Reaffirmation of Our Baptismal Covenant

## 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. 600

*Wonderful Words of Life*

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Bethany Family:**

*Sympathies: Our Christian sympathies to Mark Fentress on the death of his stepmother who died on Feb.23 in Kentucky.*

### **2017 Guest Lenten Ministers**

All services are in Spell Chapel and will begin at 6:15 PM

**March 7** – Rev. Ray Litts – Hibben UMC Mt. Pleasant, SC

**March 14** – Rev. Sandra Stevens-Poirel – District Superintendent Charleston,

**March 21** – Rev. Robert Harper – Knightsville UMC Summerville, SC

### **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 Wings (buffalo, garlic, and parmesan), Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, and Salad Bar. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Sam Woods. *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).*

### **Global Missions Spaghetti Dinner**

Please support the Global Missions Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, Apr. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. All donations will help defray the costs on the 2018 Ecuador trip.

### **Living Water Ministry**

Please join 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. Please clearly mark your check for “Living Water”. *Volunteers* are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the “Living Water”, pray, and to keep the Oasis/Picnic Area tidy and neat. Signup sheets are on the table outside of the Fellowship Hall.

### **Local Missions All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Apr. 7 in the Fellowship Hall from 7 - 10 AM. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Proceeds will benefit Bethany's Local Missions Team. Kitchen volunteers are welcome, we'd love for you to be a part of this fun and rewarding event. For more information contact Tom Veneziano at 843.851.5343.



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

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