

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 11, 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

UN Hymnal No. 529

How Firm a Foundation

* Psalter ~ Psalm 107:1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;
**hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,
**and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
**For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

* 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

"Come Home"

Rev. Bob Lee

* Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal No. 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

* Benediction

* Postlude

**Please stand*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Guest Lenten Ministers

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

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 Shepherd's Pie, Irish Soda Bread, and Salad Bar. Kids Menu: Chicken Nuggets and Tater Tots. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Spiritual Growth. **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).**

Cookies for Kairos for Lieber Prison Ministry

Kairos Cookies for Lieber Prison Ministry is Apr. 5-8. Homemade cookies are a tangible example of Agape love and are used to display Christ's love through His servants to the prisoners at Lieber Correctional Institute. The cookies and prayers are looked upon by participants as tangible evidence of God's love as strangers took their time to pray and bake cookies for them and the ministry!

Please consider baking some homemade cookies for this wonderful ministry. Cookies must be packaged in non-metal containers such as shoe and pizza boxes. Please deliver baked goods to the Fellowship Hall by 6 p.m. on Wed., April 4. Prayers are also needed for the weekend. **Prayer vigil sign-up sheets will be distributed to Sunday school classes.** Please consider being a part of the Kairos Ministry by baking cookies and/or participating in prayer vigil. For more information about the Kairos Prison Ministry, contact Ed Hickey at 843.864.6723 or hckybug91@sc.rr.com.

Artificial Christmas Trees Needed!

Children's Ministries needs Christmas trees for VBS. Our theme is Rolling River Rampage and we will be decorating the church to look like the woods. Contact us at evick@bethany-umc.com and let us know.

UMW General Meeting

The UMW General Meeting is on March 20 at 11 A.M. in Friendship Circle.

Deadline Correction

Information for the April *Beacon* newsletter is March 15 **NOT** April 15. There was an editor's error in the March *Beacon*. We apologize for the confusion.



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

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