

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 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

As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.

Holly Slice, pianist

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

* Opening Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UM Hymnal No. 715

* Psalter ~ Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,

leads me beside still waters,

restores my life,

leads me in right paths

for the sake of the Lord's name.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil,

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

as long as I live.

* 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

John 14:23-29

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY

Rev. Bob Lee

* Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal, No. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* Benediction

* Postlude

**Please stand*

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

Bethany NOW Spring Schedule

Wednesday night activities begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. The meal for this week is Lemon Pepper Chicken served on a bed of vegetables and pasta. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Friendship Circle.

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).

Vision for the Kingdom

Bishop Mushtaq from the Vision for the Kingdom in Pakistan will be here today to talk about the work he is doing there. Bishop Mushtaq will be in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m., during the Sunday School hour. Please join him for an informative talk about how our support is growing God's kingdom.

Epworth is our Ministry

Did you know that in the last year Epworth Children's Home gave 184 children a safe and loving place to call home? Each of these children had this opportunity because people and church's like us embrace and provide for this wonderful ministry for the children and families in South Carolina. We will participate in the annual Mother's Day Offering on Sunday, May 13, to benefit the children who call Epworth home. Please be in prayerful consideration of what God is calling you to give to this valuable and life changing ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, you can visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Sign-up TODAY! Bethany Annual Golf Tournament

The Annual Bethany Golf Tournament will be held on April 28 at Miler Country Club of Summerville. All members of Bethany and their friends are invited to participate in a day of golf, good food and fellowship. There is a shotgun start at 8 AM and the format is Captain's Choice. The price is \$50 for Miler members and \$55 for non-members. The price includes golf, lunch and prizes! To make reservations, please call 843.873.1230 by **April 23 at NOON!**

Happy Hearts' Luncheon

Bethany Happy Hearts' Luncheon will be on Friday, April 27 at 12 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guests will be The Zoo Keepers, a 7-piece musical/vocal band. You can expect melodies of bluegrass, country, gospel, and don't be surprised if they throw in a few silly songs too. The menu will be: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, pecan 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, please call Linda Field 843.832.9925 or email her at fieldmw@hotmail.com by Tuesday, April 24.



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

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