

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 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, pianist

*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. 569

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

## 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

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Sermon

*Foolishness??*

Rev. Bob Lee

## 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. 421

*Make Me A Captive, Lord*

## \*Benediction

## \*Postlude

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

**Bethany Family: Sympathies:** *Our Christian sympathies to Shell Martin on the death of his wife, Beverly Martin.*

### **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 Chicken and Rice Gumbo, Biscuits and Salad Bar. The kids menu is Chicken Tenders and Tots. The Sunday School class that is hosting is Christian Family/Sue Knight.

***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).***

### **Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home**

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Happy Hearts' Luncheon**

The next luncheon meeting of Bethany Happy Hearts will be on Friday, May 25 at 12 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Ralph "Stoney" Bates, Sr. Major (Ret.) Bates served in Vietnam as a lieutenant, as a small unit infantry leader, and as the commander of a criminal investigations detachment. The menu will pork chops, cheesy potato casserole, stewed tomatoes and okra, peach cobbler, rolls/butter, iced tea with lemon, coffee & 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](mailto:fieldmw@hotmail.com) by Sunday May 20.

### **Habitat Missions Work Day**

The congregation is invited to participate in a Habitat mission workday on Saturday May 12 from 8 A.M.-12 P.M. The house is located at 326 Rambo Dr. in Summerville. No skills are necessary and everyone ages 16 and over is invited to participate. If unable to participate, we have also set up a Habitat for Humanity account enabling church members to donate funds to help buy supplies. If you would be able to attend, please contact Barney Duncan at [bduncan1008@gmail.com](mailto:bduncan1008@gmail.com) or call 843.224.1898.



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

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