

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 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 *Hymn of Promise* UM Hymnal No. 707

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 Samuel 17:1-11 (12-58)

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon Send Me Your Champion! Rev. Jo Locklair

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. 163

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

Announcements

All Men's Mass Choir Performance

Please welcome our Mass Men's Chorus today singing our anthem and the service music. These men come from all areas of Bethany United Methodist Church and many have been rehearsing every Sunday since June 3 between services to present this music celebrating our country's upcoming Independence Day. Additionally, we are joined by professional musicians from Charles Towne Brass and Percussion.

Give Blood. Help Save Lives

The Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall tomorrow, July 2 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life. To schedule an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org (Sponsor Code: BethanyUMC) or call Rodney McKanna at 843.709.0953 or the church office 843.873.1230. All presenting donors will receive a FREE Red Cross T-Shirt and a FREE box of Girl Scout Cookies!

Church Office Closed July 4

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will reopen on Thursday, July 5, at 8:30 a.m.

Camp Meeting Returns: July 15

The Camp Meeting dates back to the early 19th century. This is a special time at Bethany UMC, as we recognize our time honored roots in the Christian faith dating back to the 19th Century. This is a time we can relax and be less formal. So dress comfortably and casually.

Donations for Hands of Christ School Supply Ministry

The Hands of Christ school supply ministry needs your donations! This ministry provides schools supplies to children in several Dorchester District 2 and a couple of Dorchester District 4 schools, including Williams Memorial Elementary and Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary. Please have supplies to the church no later than **Sunday, July 29**. If you are unable to purchase supplies a monetary donation is always appreciated. A full list of supplies can be found in the Beacon or on the collection box at the bottom of the wooden stairs.

Stephen Ministry

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381, Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or Carmie Wagaman 843.414.7026.



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