

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 5, 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    *Be Thou My Vision*    UM Hymnal No. 451

### 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

2 Samuel 7:1-17

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon        "The Night Vision"        Dr. Josephine 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.)

### Prayer after Receiving

\*Hymn of Dedication        UM Hymnal No. 399

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

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

## Announcements

### **Bethany Family:**

*Sympathies:* We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Emily Vick and family on the death of her mother, Anne Morris who died July 24.

### **Assistance Needed with Hands of Christ School Supplies**

The Local Missions committee will sort and box the Hands of Christ Back-to-School Supplies *today* after Sunday school in the Friendship Circle classroom. Please come by and help with this worthy cause! The items will then be distributed to the requesting schools.

### **Bethany Autumn Tea Room**

Imagine a menu with crisp and fresh ingredients intermingled with our long-standing delights such as “June’s Famous Chicken Salad” & “Shrimp and Grits”. The menu has been invigorated by the influence of a true essence of an autumn day in the Low Country. Be sure to share with everyone you know! Community members are already calling asking if they can make reservations! How proud each one of you must be to be a part of this ministry that benefits so many from our donations of time and money. Mark your calendars for Oct. 1-5 & Oct. 8-12 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### **Help Wanted: KidsCare**

KidsCare is in need of at least three reliable, and caring people. These people need to be willing to work flexible hours and love kids. All applicants will be subjected to a ground check. The position will be helping with home work for child Kindergarten- 5th grade. Please send resumes to [kidscare@bethany-umc.com](mailto:kidscare@bethany-umc.com).

### **YOU Can Be a Part of the Living Christmas Story!!!**

In search of volunteers for the Greatest Story Ever Told! Many hands are needed for the three-day annual event, The Living Christmas Story. Please call the church office or Pastor Mitch at 843.873.1230 or Ann Bishop at 843.425.4556 to learn more.

### **Youth Ministries**

Youth Ministries is looking for 20 plus volunteers. These volunteers will help in small groups with our Bethany Youth on Sunday nights during Ascend. You have a meal and then help lead and mentor our youth. For more information please message Rachel Carter at [rcarter@bethany-umc.com](mailto:rcarter@bethany-umc.com).



***Bethany United Methodist Church***

***Spell Chapel ~ 8 o'clock a.m.***

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