

ORDER OF WORSHIP

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 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 *Near to the Heart of God* UM Hymnal No. 472

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 Kings 8:46-51, Psalm 84

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "The Song of a Pilgrim" 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. 733

Marching to Zion

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Harold Cone on the 1-year anniversary of his death, given by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Read Psalm 5 for next Sunday.

Announcements

Give Blood!

Help Save Lives-Give Blood!

The Blood mobile will be here today for a Blood Drive from 8 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please stop by and give blood!

Don't Forget Epworth Children's Home WORK DAY OFFERING next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades when Methodists were challenged to give a day's pay to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. 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 on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Bethany NOW Classes Begin Sept. 5

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin on Wed., Sept. 5. The meal for this week is Chicken Wings (Buffalo, Garlic and Parmesan), Cole Slaw, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Salad Bar. Spiritual Growth is hosting. To find more details and class descriptions, please look in the September edition of the *Bethany Beacon*.

Bethany Now Schedule

- 5-6:15 p.m..... Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6-7:30 p.m..... Children's Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m..... Youth Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m..... Adult Classes

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, with a family maximum of \$20.

Flood Buckets

Hurricane season is right around the corner and UMCOR is gearing up for the 2018 Flood Bucket campaign. The goal this year is to raise the funds to fill 150 buckets at a cost of \$50 per bucket by Sept. 16. If you would like to contribute funds to purchase an entire flood bucket you can make a contribution of \$50 and earmark the donation "Flood Bucket."



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

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