

ORDER OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday after Epiphany
February 3, 2019

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. 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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

Matthew 4:12-23

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Epicenter: *Via Maris*"

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.)

Prayer after Receiving

*Hymn of Dedication

Jesus Calls Us

UM Hymnal No. 398

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

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

Announcements

***Sympathies:** We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to the family of Eva Limehouse on her passing.*

We would like to extend our Christian sympathies to Kevin and Brenda Byrd on the passing of Brenda's sister, Geraldine from Jacksonville Fl.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Today our Children's Sunday school classes will be collecting money for the Gregg Middle School Food Pantry. Children will be collecting at the 8:45 Traditional and Word and Table services as well as the 11:15 service. Look for our Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Pots! The GMS food pantry feeds families in our community and is now partnering with both Ashley Ridge High School and Summerville High School to meet the needs of kids in our community.

Bethany NOW

Join us for Bethany NOW Wednesday night activities. We have a class for everyone! NOW begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 P.M. Children classes begin at 6 p.m. and adult classes at 6:15 p.m. The meal for this week is ham with scallop potatoes, roll and salad bar. There will also be a special kid's meal available. The hosting Sunday school class is Sam Wood.

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).

Loving Hands- Bereavement Committee

Loving Hands is Bethany's Bereavement Committee which provides a meal for family and friends after a funeral. It takes many volunteers to supply the food for such a meal. We currently have teams that are on a rotation. Each team member prepares a food item to serve approximately 4-6 times a year. We are striving to increase our team members. If you could help provide a casserole, salad or dessert please consider joining our mission of Loving Hands. Contact Shirley Scully at 843.821.4750.

Bethany Basics- New Member Class

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