

April 14, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Palm Sunday

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.

*He is Lord, he is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

Greeting

* **Opening Hymn**

UM Hymnal, Pg. 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

* **Responsive Reading**

With songs of Thanksgiving

we sing praise to God.

With shouts of Hosanna

we welcome Jesus into the city.

With joy, excitement and hope we shout louder:

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

With prayers and blessings

we call out to the Spirit of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

* **Gloria Patri**, UM Hymnal, No.70

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Pastoral Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.*

Offertory

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

* **Doxology**

UM Hymnal, Pg. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Scripture Lesson

John 12:1-8

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

* **Hymn of Preparation**

UM Hymnal, Pg. 393

Spirit of the Living God

Sermon

"Jesus Is Anointed"

Pastor Bill Masciangelo

* **Hymn of Dedication**

UM Hymnal, Pg. 77

How Great Thou Art

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

* Please stand

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requiem by John Rutter

The Chancel Choir of Bethany UMC will present John Rutter's beautiful work, Requiem on Sunday, April 14 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Chancel Choir, conducted by Valerie Bullock, will be accompanied by a Chamber Instrumental Ensemble from the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. The work is approximately 40 minutes in length and features texts from the Psalms as well as other biblical sources. The concert is free and open to the public.

Holy Week Worship Times

Bethany offers many special worship services during the Lenten season and Holy Week. It is a time of reflection and a reminder of God's grace and love for us all.

Maunder Thursday, April 18: Sanctuary 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19: Youth lead worship service in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21:

• 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Azalea Park* – please bring your lawn chair
*(in case of rain we will move to Spell Chapel)

• 8 a.m. Worship in Spell Chapel

• 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary**

• 8:45 a.m. Word and Table Contemporary

** A Nursery will be provided

The Flowering Cross

The flowering cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to represent the new life that emerges from the death of Christ on Good Friday. Please help us adorn the cross with flowers on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate the transformation on the rugged cross into a symbol of life and a new beginning. All children's Sunday School classes will visit the cross during the Sunday School hour. Please join us on Easter morning in adorning the cross outside the Sanctuary by bringing cut flowers. As you come to church, place the flowers on the cross to affirm with all of us that Christ has conquered death and is alive.

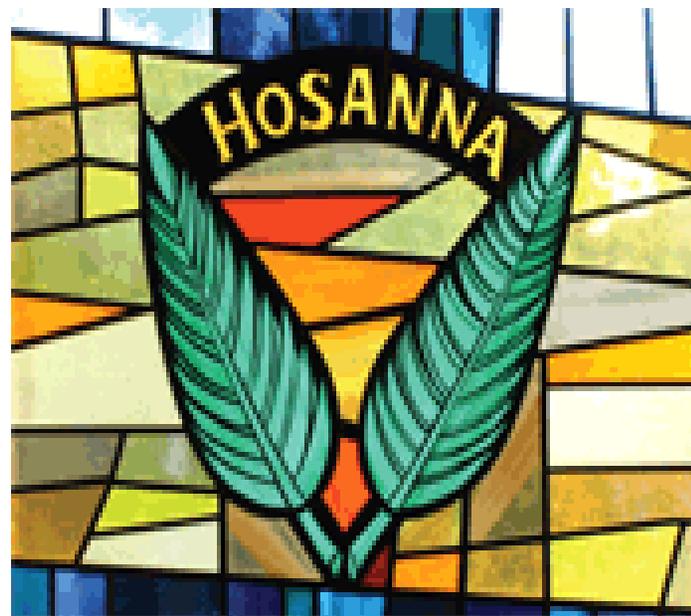
Bethany NOW

No BNOW classes or meal on April 17 due to Holy Week.

BNOW returns as usual on Wednesday, April 24.

Epworth Partnership

There will be a church-wide meeting on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to receive a presentation by representatives of Epworth Children's Home. This will be about a new program they are starting with a grant from the Duke Foundation called *Every Child is a Miracle*. Bethany will have the opportunity to form a partnership with Epworth through this program, and participate in several ways to encourage and support it. Please plan to attend this meeting to help determine Bethany's role in the partnership and how we can support Epworth.



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