

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Third Sunday of Easter  
May 5 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**

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer and preparation for worship.*

Holly Slice, pianist

**Welcome to Worship**

**Greeting**

**\*Opening Hymn**

UM Hymnal No. 172  
*My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**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**

John 21:1-9

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sermon**

"What Was I Thinking?" Rev. Mark Barnes

**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. 349  
*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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\* Please stand

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

## Announcements

### **Next Sunday: Mothers Day & Epworth Children's Home**

Next week is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. 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 online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

### **Family Movie Night**

Join us for Family Movie Night on Friday, May 10 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided! We will be watching *I Can Only Imagine*, the powerful story of healing, redemption and forgiveness. We hope to see you there!

### **Memorial Day "Poppies"**

The Friendship Circle Sunday School Class will honor our Veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26, with baskets of Poppies. Proceeds will benefit the Fisher House Charleston. Fisher House Charleston is a home away from home for loved ones whose families are receiving care. Checks may be written as such and ALL donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

### **Harvest Hope Food Bank**

Everyone attending the 2019 Annual Conference is asked to conduct food drives. Harvest Hope Food Bank is a critical line of support for more than 500 agencies who take feeding missions directly to those who live in the most economically fragile communities. Bethany is asking for your support with this mission. You will find boxes in the back of the Fellowship Hall and Narthex area for drop off. You may also drop off donations in the Welcome Center. The deadline is Wednesday, May 29. The following items are needed:

**Canned goods (pop-top):** Meat, vegetables, fruit, beans, tomato sauce, soup and evaporated milk.

**Dry goods:** Cereal, peanut butter, instant potatoes, oatmeal, pasta, grits, coffee, crackers and granola bars.

**Personal items:** Baby formula, diapers, wipes, soap, shampoo, feminine products, paper towels, tooth paste, tooth brushes, trash bags.

**For more information visit:** [umcsc.org/ac2019-mission](http://umcsc.org/ac2019-mission)



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