

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Ascension of the Lord

June 2, 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 (vss. 1-4)

UM Hymnal No. 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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

Luke 24:44-53, Acts 1:1-11

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"The Reason for Our Joy"

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

UM Hymnal No. 312

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

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

Announcements

Stephen Ministries Commissioning

Stephen Minister Trainees completed approximately 50 hours of classwork on May 21. This group of seven will be commissioned today in the 8:45 am service in the Sanctuary. Leader Carmie Wagaman asks that the congregation continue to pray for these trainees as they step into their caring roles.

Congratulations to the new commissioned trainees. Jill Ferguson, Sandy Hager, Doug Hammond, Timothy Shepherd, Lee Schiller, Barbara Stevens-Wyndham and Janice Walker.

Calling All Men...

We need **YOU** to join the Men's Choir for our Annual Patriotic Sunday during worship services on June 30! Join us at our first rehearsal **TODAY** in the Sanctuary immediately following the 8:45 service.

Contact vbullock@bethany-umc.com with questions.

Please Wear Red on June 9!!

Pentecost Sunday is June 9. We encourage you to wear **RED** on this day, which symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Security at Bethany

Bethany is adding a level of security of our people. The Trustees have voted to have a security presence on Sundays during worship hours. Therefore, from 9am-1pm we will have an off duty Summerville Police Officer on our premises. This in no way is a reaction to any problems we have had. We are being proactive in the safety of our Congregation.

Attention: Church Council Members!

There will be a mandatory meeting for training today during the Sunday school hour in the Conference Room. If you are unable to attend today, there will be another training session Wednesday, June 12 at 6pm in the Conference Room. Please bring your laptops! Thank you!

Stephen Ministry

If you are hurting, in need of a hand to hold on to or talk thru an issue or problem we are a Stephen Ministry Church and have Stephen Ministers ready to be with you. Contact Denis Tsukalas 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wrenn 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.

Teacher Snacks Needed for VBS

Please consider bringing an appetizer, snack or 2-liter soda to our volunteer table during the week of VBS (the week of June 17). Volunteers get a short break in the day to get refreshments. This a great way to support all our volunteers!



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

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