

*ORDER OF WORSHIP*  
*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
August 18, 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.

*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. 526

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**\* Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 50:1-8**

The Mighty One, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

Our God comes, and does not keep silence,  
before whom is a devouring fire,  
round about whom is a mighty storm.

**God calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that the people may be judged:**

"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**The heavens declare God's righteousness,  
for God alone is judge!**

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

**I do not reprove you for your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

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

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

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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**

Matthew 2:1-12

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

**People: *Thanks be to God.***

**Sermon**

"Messengers"

Rev. Narcie Jeter

**\* Hymn of Dedication**

UM Hymnal, Pg. 572

*Pass It On*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

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\* Please stand.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Right Now Media**

Bethany United Methodist Church has a gift for you. You are receiving free access to a huge, streaming, online, access-on-any-device library of over 10,000 video Bible studies, leadership videos, kids shows and more.

To sum it up — it's like the Netflix of Bible study videos. You will have FREE access to thousands of video resources to help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship and more. It includes content for all ages and stages of life, and all of your family members are invited to set up their own accounts as well. To gain access, simply text: **Rightnow Bethany to 41411**.

### **Bethany Autumn Tea Room-Sign-up Boards Coming Soon!**

Imagine a menu with crisp and fresh ingredients intermingled with our long-standing delights such as “June’s Famous Chicken Salad” & “Shrimp and Grits”. Be sure to share with everyone you know. **Mark your calendars for Sept. 30 – Oct. 4 & Oct. 7 – 11 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.** Please consider volunteering – you will be supporting many local missions while making new friends and having a great time. Sign-up boards are coming soon! If you are crafty, why not make something for our Gift Shop? Handmade items are great sellers and all of the money raised in the Gift Shop goes straight to missions. You can begin dropping off items for the Gift Shop on September 15.

### **Epworth Children’s Home**

Join us as we celebrate the grand opening of Epworth’s Low Country Hub on Thursday, August 29 from 2:30-4 pm. Located at 303 Central Avenue (also known as the “cottage”), this is the first satellite Center for Family Engagement delivering foster care in local communities. Come celebrate with us, learn about Epworth’s ground breaking new programs, & enjoy some Epworth’s Ice Cream!

### **We Need Recipes!**

We are in search of delicious recipes for the Tea Room Recipe Book that is being created. Please submit your favorite recipe by Sept. 10 to [evick@bethany-umc.com](mailto:evick@bethany-umc.com).

### **Bethany NOW Kick-Off Sept.4**

The fall session of Bethany NOW will begin Wednesday, Sept. 4. Find more info in the August edition of the *Bethany Beacon*.

### **Happy Hearts’ Luncheon**

Bethany Happy Hearts’ Luncheon will be on Friday, Aug. 23 at 12 pm. The guest will Tim Lowry. The luncheon is open to all members and their guests who would like to attend, but **reservations are required**. Please call Linda Field at 843.832.9925 or email her at [fieldmw@hotmail.com](mailto:fieldmw@hotmail.com) to make reservations by Sunday, Aug. 18. Our menu includes spaghetti with meatballs, garlic toast, salad bar, mint chocolate cake, and tea/water. The cost of the meal is \$8 per person.



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

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