

ORDER OF WORSHIP
February 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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. 395

Take Time to Be Holy

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

Genesis 47:28-50:26

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Family, Faith and Freedom"

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**

Spirit Song

UM Hymnal, No. 347

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* Please stand

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Announcements

Congratulations to our ASCEND Band

Congratulations ASCEND PRAISE BAND did an amazing job leading worship Saturday night at REVOLUTION. Caroline Brown, Christian Fleming, and Ethan Jones took the stage in front of 2,000 of our closest friends and family; and the spirit of the Lord was alive in Township Auditorium as they led the body in worship.

BNOW Wednesday Night Activities Winter/Spring 2020

The new Winter/Spring session of Bethany NOW as started and there is are classes and activities for everyone! Supper is served at 5 pm and classes at 6:15 pm! The meal for this week is meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, southern style green beans, rolls and salad bar. A children's menu will also be served. Searchers Sunday school class will be hosting.

Meals are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, family max \$20.

Missions Possible 2020- Save the Date

Save the date for this weekend full of volunteer opportunities- March 7-8. The 2020 projects included shrubbery clipping, singing, playing bingo, writing cards to prisoners, carpet cleaning, and light construction. For any site suggestions or questions contact Pastor Narcie Jeter for the Volunteer Extravaganza at njeter@bethany-umc.com or call 843.873.1230.

Walk to Emmaus

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. If you are interested in the walk, please contact Tom or Von Thurman at 843.696.6828 or JC or Peggy Ridgeway at 843.609.6891. The Men's Walk will be held March 19-22 and the Women's Walk will be held March 26-29. This is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers!

Bethany Memorial Garden

Sales for niches are ongoing. Pricing will begin at the regular price on Mar. 1. A niche for one person will be \$1700 and for two people will be \$2700. The 10% discount will remain in place until the end of February. If you would like more information on the Bethany Memorial Garden, please contact Emily Vick at ext. 13 or evick@bethany-umc.com.

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.



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

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