

ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 21, 2021
First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

As the congregation gathers, please take a moment to wave 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 *The Servant Song* Holly Slice, Pianist

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Greeting

Opening Hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Responsive Reading Matthew 5:3-10

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gloria Patri

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.*

The Scripture Lesson

2 Kings 4:8-37

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

In Christ Alone

Holly Slice

Sermon

"Vulnerability of a Servant"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Hymn of Dedication

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Benediction

Postlude

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Scavenger Hunt

My True Love Family Scavenger Hunt is today. Pick up a box and instruction sheet anytime between 9:30 am - 4:30 pm for a fun way to learn about God's True Love. The scavenger hunt should take your family about an hour at your own pace and will take place outside on Bethany's campus.

We hope that any of you with children will come join us.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, is the beginning of the Lenten season. A worship service will be offered **virtually** at 6:30 pm. You may join via our Facebook page or the website www.bethany-umc.com.

All other Wednesday Lenten services will also be at 6:30 pm **virtually**.

February 24: Lenten Service - Rev. Mitch Houston

March 3: Lenten Service – Rev. Mark Barnes

March 10: Lenten Service - Rev. Narcie Jeter

March 17: Lenten Service - Rev. Joel Warren

March 24: Lenten Service - Rev. Narcie Jeter

April 1: Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm **In-Person** in the Sanctuary

April 2: Good Friday – Noon – **Virtual**

Free Tax Filing

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is an IRS sponsored group that provides free federal and state income tax preparation and filing. Due to the pandemic, we will be providing no-contact service. Clients must bring all tax paperwork and a clear copy of photo ID and social security cards to be dropped off at the site. They will then fill out necessary intake information and can leave until the tax return is complete and ready for signature and pickup, usually within an hour or two.

Services will be available at Bethany on Saturdays from Jan.23 - April 10.

The hours will be 10 am – 2 pm. Service is by appointment only. Please contact Blair Stewart, Site Coordinator, 843.270.3001 or bhsbtb@gmail.com, for appointments and questions.

RightNow Media

Don't forget you have access to tons of video resources - Bible studies, movies, TV shows and more - on RightNow Media. To sign up, simply text Rightnow Bethany message to 41411.

Wi-fi Access

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password guest2015.



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

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