

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Holly Slice, pianist

Greeting

Reception of New Members

Opening Hymn *Marching to Zion*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're
marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to
fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. **Refrain**

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 Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Believe with Your Heart"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Special Music

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

Holly Slice

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Taking of the Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Hymn of Dedication *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain: But I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is
able to keep that which I've committed unto him against that day.

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noonday fair, nor if I
walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air. **Refrain**

Benediction

Postlude

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving
memory of David LeBleu by Shirley LeBleu and Family.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Sign Up

*Each Monday registration will open for the following Sunday.
There are three ways you can sign up.*

- 1) Go to www.bethany-umc.com- click on worship sign up button
- 2) Use link on Bethany UMC Facebook page
- 3) Use link sent to you in E-links weekly email

This will open the registration form, your contact information should automatically fill in. If it does not, complete your contact information.

Choose the service you wish to attend and indicate how many are in your party. If registration is full, you will be unable to choose that service, you then may pick a different service to attend.

Also, answer the question in regards to elevator usage. Hit submit and your registration is complete. You will receive a confirmation email when completed. You may also sign up by calling the church office at 843.873.1230 during business hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School starts May 23. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children back!

Tea Room-Save the Date!

Save the date for Bethany's Autumn Tea Room.
October 25-29 & November 1-5.

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to 77977.
This is a safe and convenient way to give!

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.

Blessing Box Needs

Donations for the Blessing Box are needed. You can drop off donations in front of the Business Office door during the week, or on Sundays. We are currently in need of pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly. 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.



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

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