

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 16, 2021

Seventh 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

Lin Harness, guest pianist

## Greeting

## Opening Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

## Responsive Reading

Psalm 1:1-6

Blessed are those  
who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;  
**or stand in the way of sinners,**  
**or sit in the seat of scoffers;**  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
**and on God's law they meditate day and night.**  
They are like trees  
planted by streams of water  
that yield their fruit in season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
**In all that they do, they prosper.**  
The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.  
**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;**  
**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**  
for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

## 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

Acts 1:1-11

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

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

## Special Music

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. by Craig Courtney

Kathryn Westurn, violinist

## Sermon

"Lightning and Thunder"

Rev. Mark Barnes

## Hymn of Dedication

*He Lives*

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he's always near.

**Refrain:** He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.

In All the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. **Refrain**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. **Refrain**

## Benediction

## Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **May 23- Worship Time Changes**

Sunday, May 23 we will return to our pre-pandemic Sunday Worship schedule. There will also be changes in our guidelines. While we continue to urge the wearing of masks, and will provide them, we will no longer require them in the building for Worship and Sunday School. The decision will be up to each individual. We ask that you continue to respect one another and their needs during this transition. We encourage you to continue to practice social distancing as you are able.

The worship times are as follows:

**8 am- Spell Chapel**

**8:45 am- Contemporary Word & Table- Fellowship Hall**

**8:45 am- Traditional- Sanctuary**

**10 am- Sunday School**

**11:15 am- Traditional- Sanctuary**

### **Sunday School Classes Resume May 23**

All Sunday school classes will resume on May 23. Sunday School is at 10 am. We are excitedly planning to welcome our Bethany children, youth and adults back! Nursery will also be available.

### **New Young Adult Sunday School Class**

New Young Adult Sunday school opportunity! College-aged through young career are welcome in Room 239 starting May 23. We're very excited about this new opportunity!!

### **Tea Room-Save the Date!**

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

### **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 at 843.871.0381 or Mary Kay Wren at 843.323.2130 or 843.821.3123.



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

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