

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Holly Slice, pianist

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Welcome to Worship

Greeting

*Opening Hymn

UM Hymnal No. 697

America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

*The Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 48:1-3, 10-14

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God;

**whose holy mountain, beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,**

Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great Ruler.

**Within its citadels God
has proven a sure defense.**

As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

**Your right hand is filled with victory;
let Mount Zion be glad!**

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!

**Walk about Zion, go round about it,
number its towers,**

consider well its ramparts,
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation,
**"This is God, our God for ever and ever.
God will be our guide for ever."**

*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.*

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts and Offerings

*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 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

Galatians 5:1

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

"Freedom"

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal No. 696

America the Beautiful

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Sympathy to Mitchell and Janice Harp on the death of Mitchell's mother, Lynn Marsh Harp Hutchins. Mrs. Hutchins died, June 29.

VBS was a Success- Thank You!

The castle is empty and the knights have completed their quest for the Armor of God. What a week it was! Bethany's doors opened to over 350 children, many of whom were not Bethany members. What a great way to reach out to our community. God's hand was in everything we did, and we give Him all of the glory! We cannot begin to thank all of the volunteers who helped to bring the Word of God to these precious children. Over 100 adults and teens worked each day to make it special for the kids. Every single act of service was vital to the success of the ministry, and we could not have done it without all of you.

Church Office Closed July 5

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6 at 8:30 a.m.

Donations for Hands of Christ School-Supply Ministry

The Hands of Christ school supply ministry needs your monetary donations for the 2021-22 school year! This ministry provides schools supplies to 3,089 children in several Dorchester District 2 and a couple of Dorchester District 4 schools. Please feel free to leave your donation in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Welcome Desk

Greeting people and being available to offer information are key to creating a welcoming environment. To help with this, we are looking for people to help out on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk downstairs. Volunteers will be there from 9:45–11:15 on Sundays and serve as a liaison to visitors to Bethany. This is on a rotating basis through the summer, and we will make sure that you have all of the information you need to answer any questions. If you would like to help with this, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com or 843.873.1230. Please consider being part of this ministry to those who are new to Bethany.



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

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