

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 25, 2021

Ninth 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

Holly Slice, pianist

Greeting

***Opening Hymn** *Wonderful Words of Life* UM Hymnal No. 600

***The Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 51:10-17**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from death, O God, God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

For you have no delight in sacrifice;
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

**The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

***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 and Offering

***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

2 Samuel 12:13-25

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

Hymn of Peace

Spell Chapel Ensemble

Sermon

"In the Middle of the Storm"

Rev. Mark Barnes

***Hymn of Dedication**

UM Hymnal No. 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please stand

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving
memory of Bruce Weber in Marilyn Weber*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sympathy – We express Christian sympathy to Becky Powell on the death of her mother Vickie Buchanan who died Monday, July 19.

Free Drive-Thru Community Food Distribution

Wesley United Methodist and North Charleston Community Resource Center will be sponsoring a free drive-thru community food distribution on Saturday, Aug. 7 beginning at 2pm until all food has been given out. It will be located at Ladson Elementary School 3321 Ladson Rd. To ensure the health safety of the volunteers and community members, we must adhere to the COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Please remain in your car and open the trunk when it's your turn in line.

Food is distributed as first come, first served while supplies last.

Blessing of the Backpacks & Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 15 will be Promotion Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks to church and receive a special blessing before school starts. We will also be handing out tags for the kids to attach to their backpacks

to remember that their church family is praying for them and that Jesus is always with them!

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.

Calling ALL Bethany Women

The United Methodist Women will have a Mission Work Day on Sept. 12 from 2-4:30 pm to benefit Epworth Children's Center Foster Care Program. Fabric has been purchased and 100 blankets and duffle bags have been prepared for completion. We need your help to be successful! No sewing required, just cut, tie, and lace! Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and catch up with all your friends while we all work together. You do not need to be a member of UMW and we encourage you to bring a friend. In addition, please bring donations for the Period Project. We will also be preparing packets for school age children and youth who cannot afford sanitary supplies. These packets keep them from missing school each month. Donations needed are pads, liners, and feminine hygiene wipes. All must be individually wrapped. Start collecting now!



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

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