

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 22, 2021

Thirteenth 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 (verses 1,2,3,6)

UM Hymnal, No. 378

Amazing Grace

*The Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 145: 8-13

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**The Lord is good to all,
his compassion is over all his creation.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

*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

Luke 15:11-27

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Special Music

Lead and I Will Follow

Spell Ensemble

Sermon

"Red Letter Grace"

Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication (verses 1,3,4)

UM Hymnal, No. 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children and Youth Needs

We need YOU! Both our Children Ministry Team and Youth Ascend are in need of volunteers. For Ascend, we need help with small group leaders, trip chaperons, Sunday school teachers, prayer partners and small group leaders. If you are interested in serving as an ASCEND Adult Volunteer, please contact Mike Jeter 854.429.1849.

For Children Ministries, we need many volunteers for this coming fall in all our classes, from Preschool to 5th grade, Bethany NOW and Children's Church. If you have questions or comments we would love to hear from you and talk with you. Stephanie Mitchum smitchum@bethany-umc.com 843.343.8494 or Emily Vick evick@bethany-umc.com 843.343.2506. We are asking you to prayerfully consider volunteering for our young people.

We Want Your Recipes and Crafts!

Mark your calendars! Bethany's Autumn Tea Room is Oct. 25-29 & Nov. 1-5 and we need recipes for our annual cook book and handmade crafts for the gift shop! Please send recipes for our annual Tea Room Cookbook to evick@bethany-umc.com no later than Aug. 31. These recipes will be added to the existing cookbook from 2019. Start getting ideas and working on those crafts now!

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!

Painting Project

We are excited that the contractor has started the work to wash, repair and repaint the exterior of the church, including the steeples. The work should continue over the next few weeks. Please be alert as you visit the church and avoid areas in which work is being done. The support from the congregation has been outstanding with over \$68,000 in donations at this time. We are still accepting donations for this project to help defray the estimated \$100,000 cost.



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

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