

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 5, 2021
15th 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** *Be Thou My Vision* UM Hymnal, No. 451

***The Responsive Reading** ~ Psalm 62:5-10

For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**for my hope is from God,
who alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God who is a refuge for us.**

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

**Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

*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

Exodus 2:10-15, Acts 7:21-29

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "I've Been Through the Desert..." Rev. Mark Barnes

*Hymn of Dedication

UM Hymnal, No. 593

Here I Am, Lord

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epworth Children's Home Offering Next Sunday!

Next Sunday is the annual Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. This tradition dates back decades to when Methodists were challenged to "Give a Day's Pay" to the children at Epworth. While the emphasis has shifted a bit over the years, it is still important that we come together to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support for the children at Epworth. As you consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to children, remember Christ's command to let the little children come to him. He embraces them, welcomes them, loves them, and teaches them. Epworth is answering this call to let the little children come. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who are served by Epworth. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, please visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

UMCOR

Every dollar you give goes directly to the people in need when you give through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through our Connectional giving, the United Methodist Church pays the administrative costs. Please write your checks to Bethany for Ida to give to our US Disaster Response and to Haiti for International Disaster Response. Most of all, we join in praying for perseverance and peace during these troubling times. Lord hear our prayers.

Living Water Ministry

We would like to invite to serve at the Summerville Family YMCA's Flowertown Festival Oct. 8-10. During the festival, Bethany will again provide a refreshing Oasis with a free bottle of "Living Water" and a cross, as people visit our "Oasis/Picnic Area." You can be a part of this outreach ministry by making a donation in the offering plate, church office, or in the container on the display table near the kitchen entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark your check for "Living Water." Volunteers are needed to welcome our guests, hand out the "Living Water," answer questions, and pray. Look for sign ups coming soon!

Happy Hearts

Our free September 24th meeting will be Tim Lowry, the storyteller. We will NOT have a meal and we will meet at 1:00 p.m. so you will have time to eat before coming. We strongly recommend wearing a mask.



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

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