

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 12, 2021
16th 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

UM Hymnal, No. 365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

*The Responsive Reading ~ Psalm 107:1-9

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good,
whose steadfast love endures for ever!

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
whom the Lord has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Some wandered in the desert wastes,
finding no way to a city in which to dwell;

**hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.**

Then in their trouble, they cried to the Lord,
who delivered them from their distress,

**and led them by a straight way,
till they reached a city in which to dwell.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.

**For the Lord satisfies those who are thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.**

*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 3:1-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Blessed Assurance

Spell Ensemble

Sermon

Rev. Mark Barnes

"Is There a Burning Bush in Your Life?"

*Hymn of Dedication *Because He Lives*

UM Hymnal, No. 364

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Please stand

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH OFFERING!

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionment dollars from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

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!

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

The Local Missions Committee will host its annual All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 9 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 each and are available in the church business office, from Local Missions Committee members, or at the door. Join us to enjoy pancakes, sausage, coffee and milk. Proceeds will benefit Local Missions.

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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