

ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday
October 3, 2021

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

*As the prelude begins let us turn our thoughts and hearts to God in prayer
And preparation for worship.*

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise (vs. 1, 2, 4)

UM Hymnal No. 362

Nothing but the Blood

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

*Doxology

UM Hymnal No. 95

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 8:1-4

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"He Touched Me"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this table,

O merciful Lord,

trusting in our own righteousness,

but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy

so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.

**But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ,
that we may walk in newness of life,
may grow into his likeness,
and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

Pardon

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Hymn of Dedication

He Touched Me

UM Hymnal No. 367

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Please stand

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ted Cooper who will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on October 6.

Announcements

Blood Drive

Bethany will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, Oct. 4 in the Fellowship Hall from 12:30 pm-5:30 pm. Please consider donating! You may schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **BethanyUMC**, or call Rodney at 843.709.0953.

Silent Auction

We are excited about the upcoming Autumn Tea Room happening on Oct. 25-29 and Nov. 1-5. As many of you know, this is the major fundraiser for our missions teams. Along with the scrumptious lunches and desserts, the gift shop will be open daily as well as our silent auction. **Here's where we need YOUR help!** Please consider offering a vacation home, an item from your business, a craft, or a service. In the past, our most popular items have been dinners for 6, cake of the month, yard services, gift cards from our local businesses, tutoring services, make-up/makeover, sports packages like pitching lessons, and special occasion flower arrangements. You're only limited by your imagination. We all know our circumstances last year prevented us from having a traditional Tea Room and silent auction, but this year, we are looking forward to a successful in-person silent auction. Please consider helping us make the Bethany 2021 Silent Auction our best yet!

Fall Festival- Trunks Needed!

Children's Ministries Annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17 from 2-4pm in the parking lot. In order to pull off this event, we need decorated trunks. At this point, we have very few scheduled. **If you are interested in decorating a trunk and passing out candy- we need to know TODAY!!** You can stop by the Children's Ministry office or email Emily Vick at evick@bethay-umc.com.

Gift Shop Crafts

Crafts for the Tea Room Gift Shop can be dropped off beginning Sunday, Oct. 17 in Room 119. They can also be dropped off during the week in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your donations!

New Safety Program

The Trustees have been developing a Safety and Assistance Program to help provide a safe and secure environment for Sunday morning worship. The ushers at each service will play a critical role in achieving the goals of this program. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 pm in Spell Chapel. All usher team leaders are asked to attend or send a representative from your team. We will discuss the goals of the program and how the usher teams will be asked to help.



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

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