

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 31, 2021

23rd 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** *I Am Thine, O Lord* UM Hymnal, No. 419

***The Responsive Reading** ~ Psalm 102:1-11

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

let my cry come to you!

**Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress!**

Incline your ear to me;

answer me speedily in the day when I call!

For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

**My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;
I am too wasted to eat my bread.**

Because of my loud groaning,
my bones cleave to my flesh.

**I am like an owl of the wilderness,
like a little owl of the waste places;**

I lie awake,

I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

All the day my enemies taunt me,

those who deride me use my name for a curse.

For I eat ashes like bread,

and mingle tears with my drink,

because of your indignation and anger.

You have taken me up and thrown me away.

**My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass.**

***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 Corinthians 4:7-10, 16-18

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

***Hymn** (vv 1, 3, 5) *I Need Thee Every Hour* UM Hymnal, No. 397

Sermon

"The Gift Nobody Wants"

Rev. Mark Barnes

Special Music

I Will Be Here

Holly Slice

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please stand

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Saints' Sunday – November 7

Bethany UMC will honor our church family who became Saints this past year. We will recognize their names on Sunday, November 7 during all services

Angel Tree

Make a child's Christmas wish come true! The online tree will go live on Nov. 19. Gifts will be dropped off Dec. 1-12 in the Business Office. Contact Pastor Narcie with any names of people in need that you want to add to the Angel Tree by Nov. 5.

Women of Bethany- You're Invited!!

Katie Stagliano from Katie's Krops is coming to speak to the New Hope UMW Circle as a guest speaker on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm in Room 240. All women, teens and girls are encouraged to attend to hear her inspiring story. Katie's Krops provides food for the hungry in the Summerville area and Bethany UMC donates desserts to this amazing organization. Dessert donations are always needed! The next dates are Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and Dec. 16.

Join the Stephen Ministry Team

Are you a good listener? Do you have a caring spirit? Do you like one-on-one relationships? If you answer yes...then SAY YES to STEPHEN MINISTRY! A new training class is forming for January 2022. Apply NOW to be a part of the helping team of Bethany Stephen Ministers. Classes consist of one weeknight class per week; January – May. All materials provided. Please find applications in the Welcome Center or you may get an application from Pastor Mark Barnes. Deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Monetary donations are now being collected to provide turkey/bags of food to Dorchester County families in need. 352 families were recipients in 2020! Please donate to those in need by Nov. 7 thru offering, mail or drop off at the church. If you or someone you know would like a Thanksgiving Food Bag, please call Pastor Narcie at 854.429.1848 no later than Nov. 7.

Gift Shop & Bake Sale

We are still accepting baked goods for the Gift Shop and Bake Sale. If you would like to provide a dessert for our Bake Sale, contact Kim Lucius at 843.821.2368.

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to **833.245.8417**. This is a safe and convenient way to give!



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

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