

ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 15, 2023
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice, pianist

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

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

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** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing UMH No. 57

***The Responsive Reading~ Psalm 40: 1-11** UMH No. 774

I waited patiently for the Lord,
who inclined to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and be in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods!

**O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us; none can compare to you!**

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,
they would be more than can be numbered.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, 'Lo, I come;

in the roll of the book it is written of me;

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;

lo, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hid your saving help within my heart,

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me,

let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve me!

*Gloria Patri

Congregational Prayer and 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.*

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** UMH No. 95

***Scripture Lesson** John 1: 29-42

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Will You Shake My Hand? Rev. Michael Ritter

***Hymn of Dedication** The Gift of Love UMH No. 408

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,

May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your

field; And until we meet again, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

*Postlude

* Please stand

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
John McKissick with love from Joan McKissick.*

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Janet Kaminski who joined the church triumphant on January 8, 2022.

Christian sympathies go out to the family and friends of Joe Stasiukaitis who joined the church triumphant on January 9, 2023.

Announcements

Casting Call

We are preparing for the dramatic reenactment of Da Vinci's Last Supper, to be presented April 6 & 7. Cast members are needed to portray Jesus and the disciples. This is a commitment to rehearsing once a week in February & March, and each night the week of the performance. If you would like to be a part of this moving experience, please contact Emily Vick at evick@bethany-umc.com. What a gift you will give to the Bethany family as you grow in your faith through this meaningful production.

Aldersgate/Holy City Missions Soup Kitchen

Bethany has been asked to cook and serve on the following dates:

Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 11:30am for cooking

Thursday, Jan. 26 at 9am for serving

We are usually finished cooking at the latest by 2:30-3pm, and with serving by 12-12:30pm. Please let Von Thurman (843.696.6828) or John Lyons (843.708.9837) know if you would like to be involved during any of these dates or times. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes are in and are available for pickup in the upstairs Welcome Center Hallway. Please double check your number as it may have changed.

Stephen Ministry

What are you facing in 2023? A new diagnosis? Life without a loved one? A job loss? Overwhelming anxiety? Please don't go it alone. Talk it out with a trained and confidential listener. Accept the gift of a Stephen Minister today. Request a call with a note in one of the "CareMail" boxes near the first and second floor stairs or call- (for men)- Denis Tsukalas 843.729.5348 or Pastor Mark Barnes 843.873.1230 (for women)- Leah Martin 404.408.5457 or Marti Johnson 843.442.1675.

Text to Give Option

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply text: bethanyumc to **833.245.8417**.

Wi-fi Password

If you would like to connect to Wi-Fi while on church property, please use the guest connection and password bethanywelcome.



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

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