

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Prelude

Holly Slice

* **Hymn of Praise** Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

* **Affirmation of Faith, Apostles' Creed**

UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory City Called Heaven

Spell Ensemble

* **Doxology**

UMH 95

* **Scripture Lesson**

Colossians 1: 15-23

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Crowning Christ as Lord of All

Rev. Mark Barnes

Invitation

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this table,
O merciful Lord,
trust 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!

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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**

Because He Lives

UMH 364

* **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 honor of the
founders of the Care Team Committee-
(Chair) Tim and Kathy McConnell, Dave Mills, Liz Williams, Henry and
Judy Hagen, Adele Chellis, Miriam Holladay, and Gayle Courtney.*

Announcements

Don't Forget Your Mothers or Epworth Children's Home Next Sunday!

Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

Time and Talent Form

The 2025 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking everyone to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms, and around the church. **Please turn completed forms into the Business Office at your earliest convenience!** Forms can also be completed by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.bethany-umc.com. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!



Dealing with the Homeless & Panhandlers

There have been several Sundays recently when the Safety and Assistance personnel have encountered both homeless people and people asking for money (panhandlers). The homeless have been using Bethany property for shelter, which can create problems for the church and its members. Panhandlers were recently cited at the foot of the main Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall portico as the service ended asking church members for money.

It is church policy not to give out cash and that should apply to all church members while on church property. To do so will encourage return visits and possibly increase instances beyond our control. There are organizations that can help those in need, and we should direct those individuals to the help that is available to them. Trident United Way covers the Tri-County area and dialing 211 or texting "help" to 211 is the easiest way to contact help. Help of Summerville is another organization that can help. Their number is 843.695.4261. Thank you, Bethany Safety and Assistance Team

Bethany Bells Beginners Group

If you haven't played bells before or if you haven't played in a while and are looking to play again, we would love to have you join us in the Bethany Bells group. Practices will begin on May 8 from 6-6:50 pm and will continue every Wednesday through May 29. This group will perform at Spell Chapel in June. They will resume practice during the Fall Bethany NOW schedule. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Barbara Bassett at 843.810.3590.



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

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