

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

**“Moving Forward United in Faith”**

“Committed to Christ, United by Love. We are about God, Christ, the Word, and the Future. No matter who you are or where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here. We are Bethany United Church of Christ.”

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April 26, 2020

10:45 AM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

(\*) PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...Pastor Todd

PRELUDE: "Beautiful Savior"  
Erin Nguyen - clarinet

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: O sing to God a new song

**C: For God has done marvelous things.**

M: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: For now is Christ risen from the dead! Alleluia!**

HYMN: #173 "The Strife is O'er"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

**O God, Your son makes Himself known to all His disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see Him in his redeeming work, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

The Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

SERMON: "Our Emmaus"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CALL TO PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: #174 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "The Lord of Life is Risen"

AUDIO RECORDINGS of Bethany's Worship Services are now available on Bethany's home page at [uccbethany.org](http://uccbethany.org) or you can join the email notification list by contacting Bill Rumble at [wrumble@ptd.net](mailto:wrumble@ptd.net) [www.facebook.com/BethanyUCCBethlehem](http://www.facebook.com/BethanyUCCBethlehem). If you have an Instagram account, you can follow us @BethanyUCCBethlehem. We also invite you to tag the church in your posts and use the hashtag #BethanyUCCBethlehem to share posts and photos on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter!

**GROWTH COMMITTEE:** An invitation - many ideas are exchanged among the (small but mighty) Growth Committee. If you have an idea and want to help make it happen, whether it's a onetime event or an ongoing thing, please talk to any member of the Growth Committee: Debbie Brown, Patti Hoyt, Adrienne Kotsko, Jenna Nguyen, or Jackie Tarasuk

**2020 Flower and Bulletin Charts** are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance. Please note two vases will cost \$40. A rectangular arrangement will cost \$30. Silk (S) flowers will be \$10. Bulletins will cost \$10. Be sure to indicate what type of flowers you want – real or silk.

**Any questions, contact the church office.**

## SCRIPTURE

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19 (NSRV)

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;

the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:

“O Lord, I pray, save my life!”

<sup>12</sup>What shall I return to the Lord  
for all his bounty to me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful ones.

<sup>16</sup>O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the Lord.

<sup>18</sup>I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup>in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

## 1 Peter 17-23 (NRSV)

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

<sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth<sup>[a]</sup> so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply<sup>[b]</sup> from the heart.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew,

not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.<sup>[d]</sup>

## Luke 24:13-35 (NRSV)

### The Walk to Emmaus

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[c]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and

the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>14</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hello Bethany Family,  
I miss you very much and hope that we can be together soon. I heard recently from Bob Rapp who is the Executive Director for the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter. As you may know the shelter for the homeless of our community had to be shut down due to Covid 19. Packed lunches are being prepared and distributed out of Christ UCC. Donation items needed for these lunches include small pop top cans of fruit, meat, peanut butter, energy and granola bars, small hand sanitizers and bottled water.



If you wish to contribute to this project you may drop off items at Bethany (inside the Market Street front door) on Mondays or Tuesdays between 9-11 am. I will see that items get delivered to Christ Church. Thank you! Pastor Todd

## His Resurrection

Lazar, St. Francis Post, 1881

S. S. S. a. with Alleluia

VICTORY  
PALAESTINA, 1917  
Adapted by W. H. Shaw*Jubilantly. With majesty*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
1. The powers of death have done their worst;  
1. The three sad days have quick - ly sped;  
4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell;  
1. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,

The vic - to - ry of life is won; The song of  
But Christ their glo - rious bath dis - persed; Let shouts of  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead; All glo - ry  
The bars from heaven's high por - tals fell; Let hymns of  
From death's dread sting Thy serv - ants free. That we may

tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise His tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ

CAROLINE WOODWARD, 1875

G. 7. 8. 7. D.

HYFRYDOL  
ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD, 1811-1887*With joy; in moderate time*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voi - ces raise;  
 2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal, On this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - iour Who has won the vic - to - ry;

He who on the cross as Sav - iour For the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 Christ has triumphed, and we con - quer By His might - y en - ter - prise,  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
 We with Him to life e - ter - nal By His res - ur - rec - tion rise,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty, A - MEN.



***PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Todd's office hours are Monday and Tuesday from 9A – Noon. Any appointments may be made by calling the church office 610-868-4441***

**March-April-May Daily devotional booklets** are available on the Radiator at the rear of the church. Suggested donation is \$1.

**You may submit prayer requests to Pastor Todd** by email which can be shared in our worship time. His email is [tnjfnl@gmail.com](mailto:tnjfnl@gmail.com). Or you can call them in to the church office 610-868-4441

### **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**(Listen to these services on the audio or watch on FB livestream)**

#### **TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

10:45 A          Worship

#### **SUNDAY, MAY 3**

10:45 A          Worship

**PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING** Your church still has day to day expenses to cover during these trying times.