

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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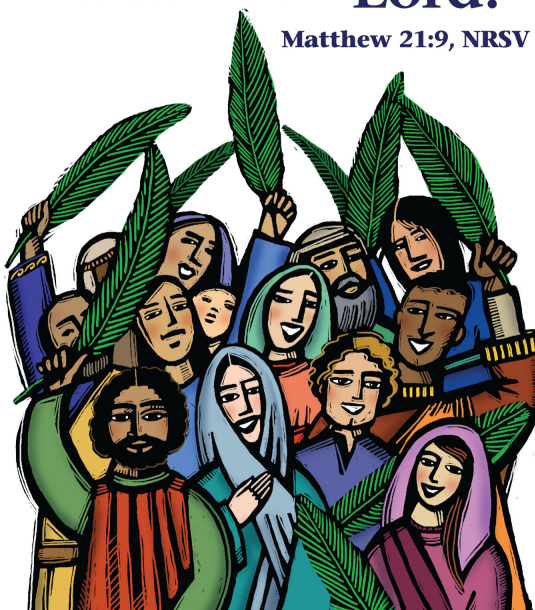
Pastor Todd Fennell

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



April 5, 2020
PALM SUNDAY
Sixth Sunday in Lent

“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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10:45 AM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. **Please sign and pass the "Know Your Neighbor Pads"** which are located in the pew by the center aisle. We encourage our visitors to include their name, address, and phone number in the Guest Book at the top of the steps and come again. 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: "The Palms"...J. Faure

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON: "Tears Among the Hosannas"

CALL TO PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

AUDIO RECORDINGS of Bethany's Worship Services are now available on Bethany's home page at uccbethany.org or you can join the email notification list by contacting Bill Rumble at wrumble@ptd.net

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.

NO Sunday Adult classes until further notice.

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (NRSV)

A Song of Victory

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]
25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.^[b]
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
27 The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.^[c]
28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11 (NRSV)

5 Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSV)

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

21 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately.^[a]" ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd^[b] spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

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

ANYONE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING PALMS, THEY CAN DRIVE BY ON Friday, April 3 between 10 – 12 and Margy Sabetti will bring the palms to your car.

The fish dinner will be re-scheduled due to the current world coronavirus. It will be scheduled at a later date. Thank you all for understanding.

A copy of LIFE explores Jesus magazine was left in the pews few weeks ago. If it is yours, you can pick it up in the basket outside the secretary's door.

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. Or you can call them in to the church office 610-868-4441.

This year, in lieu of EASTER FLOWERS, monetary memorials are given in honor or in memory of loved ones. This list will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin



Thank You!

To all my Bethany friends,

*Thanks to everyone for their concern, cards
and those who keep in touch with phone calls.*

I appreciate it very much.

*Also thank you to all who sent memorials for
Joyce Heydt.*

*On a warm, sunny Sunday when things are
back to "normal", I would like to get back to
Bethany and join you in worship.*

*I am especially grateful to Pastor Todd for his
visits and encouraging words.*

Sincerely,

Bob Bauder



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 5, PALM SUNDAY

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

10:45 A Worship

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 No choirs –

7 P Worship Recording Session

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

7 P Worship (Communion)

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – GOOD FRIDAY

7 P Tenebrae with Stories of Jesus' last week

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER DAY

10:45 A Worship with communion

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

STILL TIME TO CONTRIBUTE TO Alzheimer's Research. If you are writing a check, make it payable to "Bethany UCC" and mark Alzheimer's on the memo line. Please mail your checks to the office or drop them off in the mailbox. REMEMBER WE WILL GET MATCHING FUNDS FROM AN ANONYMOUS BENEFACTOR.

There is a basket in the Narthex for your donations of combs and tissue packets. Thank You!

Sponsors are needed for flowers and/or bulletins for this month. Sign up sheet in Narthex.

EASTER CANDY IS HERE – FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO STILL HAVE TO PICK UP YOUR CANDY, IT IS IN SNYDER CHAPEL. Call the office to arrange pick up time.