

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion

**“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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MAUNDY THURSDAY

7 PM

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: "Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face"

CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO PRAYER/PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O Christ, in Your presence we discover who we are. You wash our feet, and we learn how reluctant we are to serve one another. Even as You prepare to give Yourself for the sake of the world, we are still seeking worldly treasure. Our love scarcely suffices to fulfill the requirements of good manners, and yet You invite us to eat with You at Your table. Forgive us, and help us to value Your presence more dearly, that we may find this meal to be a celebration of joy. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14

Luke 22:14-27

MEDITATION: "What We Don't Deserve"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks, O God, for Your free gift of love offered this night. You have refreshed us at the table of mercy, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Now send us forth in the spirit of Christ, that we, too, may become servants to one another and the world around us. In Jesus' name. Amen

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "According to Thy gracious word"

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.**

**NO Sunday Adult** classes until further notice.

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14 (NRSV)

### The First Passover Instituted

**12** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:  
<sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## Luke 22:14-27 (NRSV)

### The Institution of the Lord's Supper

<sup>14</sup> When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>(a)</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."<sup>(b)</sup> <sup>21</sup> But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup> For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" <sup>23</sup> Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

### The Dispute about Greatness

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

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

**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.

***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***

**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.

**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 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**



## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY HOLY WEEK

**(listen to these services on Bethany's home page  
at [uccbethany.org](http://uccbethany.org) or watch on FB livestream)**

**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.

**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.**