

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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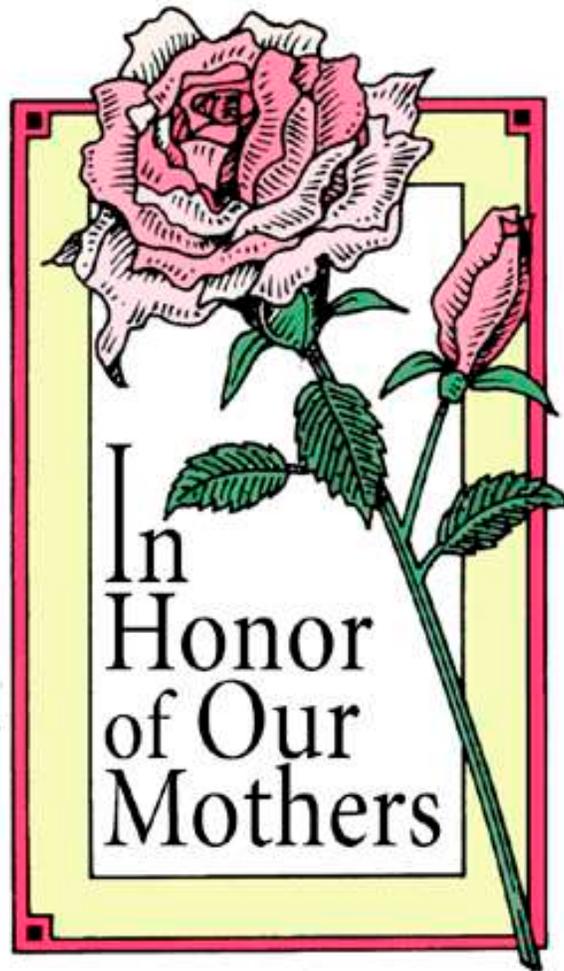
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May 10, 2020

Festival of the Christian Home

Fifth 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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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)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...Pastor Todd

PRELUDE: "All The Way My Savior Leads Me"

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Grace and peace to you and your family this day.

C: And upon the whole household of God as well.

M: May God speak to us as we worship.

C: May God lead us all, as His people. Amen

HYMN: #40 "For The Beauty Of The Earth "

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Lord God of grace and love, we thank you for the homes in which we were nurtured and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. Strengthen all of us through Your word that guides and leads our family life. Bless this hour of worship, we pray. Amen

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

SERMON: "Why God Made Moms"

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CALL TO PRAYER - PASTORAL PRAYER –

SOLO: LORD’S PRAYER (Pastor Todd)

HYMN: #247 “Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “O Jesus I Have Promised “

AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS of Bethany's Worship Services as well as a copy of the bulletin, are now available via Bethany’s home page at <https://uccbethany.org> You can also visit us at 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

Psalm 31

Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

¹In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.

²Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

³You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

⁴take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NRSV)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built^[a] into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him^[b] will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”
8 and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were
destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God’s own people,^[c] in order that you may proclaim the mighty
acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous
light.

10 Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14 New Revised Standard Version
(NRSV)

Jesus the Way to the Father

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God,
believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many
dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I
go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³And if I go and prepare a place
for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that
where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to
the place where I am going.”^[c] ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we
do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”
⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No
one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me,
you will know^[d] my Father also. From now on you do know him
and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be
satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this
time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen
me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me¹⁴ for anything, I will do it.



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