

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Church Office: 610-868-4441 Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9 AM – 1 PM

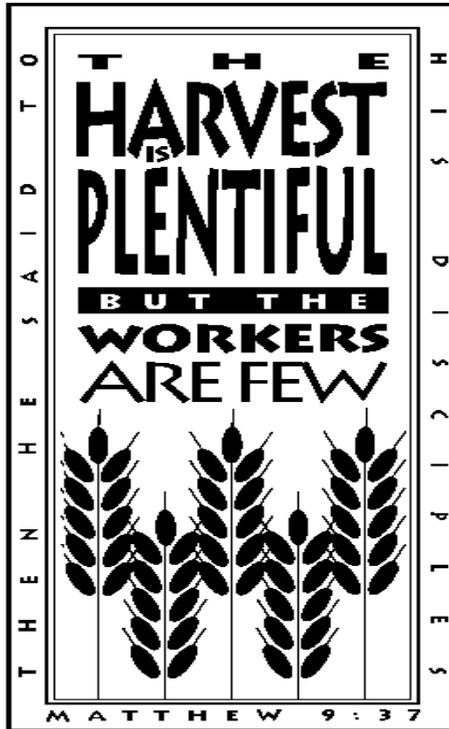
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June 14, 2020

Second Sunday after Pentecost

“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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JUNE 14, 2020

FLAG DAY

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: "Christ for the World We Sing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We begin in the name of the One whose mystery is beyond us.

C: We stand before the ultimate mystery, seeking understanding.

M: So open and reveal Yourself to us today, O God.

C: Teach us Your ways, that we might serve You and the whole creation.

HYMN: #565 "O Christians, Haste"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Holy God, You are a mystery to us, beyond the capacity of our imaginations. And yet, Your voice brought forth creation and the world is Yours and we are entrusted with its care. Give us Your peace and Your strength and guidance to live as Your children in the Lord. Bless this hour of worship, we pray. Amen

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

Romans 5:1-8

Matthew 9:35-10:8

SERMON: "Compassion: Suffering With"

POEM: “The Flower of Liberty” ...Oliver Wendel Holmes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*Unison*)

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

CALL TO PRAYER – PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#501 “Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. Amen

HYMN: #593 “Lord, Speak to Me”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Send Thou, O Lord”

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!

GOT IDEAS? Contact the GROWTH COMMITTEE: If you have an idea and want 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 **The next meeting will be Monday, June 8 @ 7 PM in Snyder Chapel.**

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.

CONSISTORY CORNER: The Consistory of Bethany has approved the opening of Bethany for meetings only in the month of June. We are tentatively looking to reopen Bethany for Sunday worship on July 5 at 10 a.m. We will keep you posted.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19

Thanksgiving for Recovery from Illness

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.

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

What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.

16 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.

17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.

18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

Romans 5:1-8 (NRSV)

Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we^[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access^[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we^[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not

only that, but we^[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NRSV)

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

10 Then Jesus^[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ^[b] ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'^[c] ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse

the lepers,^[a] cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

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

June-July-August 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 WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JUNE 14- FLAG DAY

10:45 A Virtual Worship
2 P Prayer Vigil (Outside building)

MONDAY, JUNE 15

9 – 10 A BASD Meal Pickups @ Star of Bethlehem

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

9 – 10 A BASD Meal Pickups @ Star of Bethlehem
6 P Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P Virtual Worship Recording

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – FATHERS DAY

10:45 A Virtual Worship

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UP COMING EVENTS

June 28 & 29 – Brainstorming session in FH

Please call the office to let us know what day you want to attend

Next Growth Meeting will be Monday, August 10 @ 7 P in Snyder Chapel.

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



I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all

O Christians, Haste

1 O Chris-tians, haste, your mis-sion high ful-fill-ing,
 2 Pro-claim to ev-ery peo-ple, tongue, and na-tion,
 3 Give of your sons to bear the mes-sage glo-rious;

to that tell the world that God is one who cares,
 give God, in whom we live and move, is love.
 of your daugh-ters, speed them on their way.

that God who made all na-tions is not will-ing
 Tell how God stooped to save a lost cre-a-tion,
 Pour out your soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious,

one life should per-ish, lost in deep de-spair.
 and died on earth that we might live a-bove.
 till God shall bring a new and joy-ful day.

Refrain #565

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.



Prayer Vigil

Please plan to join us on Sunday June 14 at 2 p.m. outside the church for a Prayer Vigil for peace and justice in our communities. Social distanced chairs and led candles will be provided. If you cannot attend, please pray at home at 2 p.m.

Lord, Speak to Me

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1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord, un-



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and



let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

