

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Nineteenth 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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OCTOBER 11, 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

PRELUDE: "Men and Children Everywhere" ...arr. R.T. Scoggins, Jr.

Handbell Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great

C: **You are clothed with honor and majesty.**

M: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it should never be shaken.

C: **O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made all things. Let us worship God!**

HYMN #138 Holy God, We Praise Your Name vs. 1 & 4  
Handbells arr. M.L. Thompson

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

**Holy God, whose covenant continues in the life and faith of our church, we give You thanks for this fellowship of love and community. Give to us the courage and the vision to do what we are called to do as disciples. Help us to know You more deeply and to serve You more faithfully. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (*with waves and prayer hands*)

M: We gather from different places with different circumstances, yet we are all equally children of God. Let us greet one another as children of God. May the peace of

Christ be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #661 All People That On Earth Do Dwell. (*vs. 1*)

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 106:1-5

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON: "EUMOIROUS CHRISTIANS"

OFFERING INVITATION

God gives us many different gifts each and every day for us to share to bring God's kingdom to this earth. Let us now share our gifts, so the ministry of this church may continue.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS (*You may come to place your offering in the plate up front*)

OFFERTORY: "Fuga in C Major" ...J.S. Bach "I Come, O Savior, to Your Table" ...B. Logan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #688 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (*Vs. 1*)

**We give thee but thine own, what -e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord, from thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

**Generous God, our lives are renewed as we remember your goodness. You have made us in your image and placed in our hearts the memory of your love made flesh in Jesus Christ. That memory calls us to give and to embrace your world as we offer these gifts. May our lives invested through these offerings create a new reality and extend your grace in remembrance of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen**

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER – PASTORAL PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN #455 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

## BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: #717 Go Now In Peace. *Vs. 1*

**Go now in peace; through friends must part, your presence lives in every heart. Your gifts to us no words can tell: go now in peace, in Christ go well.**

## \*POSTLUDE

**Silk flowers** are placed on the altar to the Glory of Our Lord, Jesus Christ by Len & Rebecca Kesselring.

**Greeters:** Gail Correll & Kathy Knoll

**Reader:** Gail Correll

**Ushers:** John & Kathy Knoll, Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

**Altar Guild:** Barbara Backensto

## **Welcome all to Bethany UCC!**

Visitors, please sign our guest book in the narthex. Come again. In these days of COVID 19 please abide by these safety measures: All must wear masks and please sanitize hands as you enter and exit. The bulletins have everything you need for worship. Please space yourselves from one another except for family units. We will greet one another with waves and prayer hands. You will be invited to come forward to leave your offering in the plate up front. The joys and concerns will be included in worship. You may use the lectern mic to share.

**AUDIO RECORDINGS** If you or anyone you know would like to receive the link to the audio recording of the worship service, please let Bill Rumble know at [wrumble@ptd.net](mailto:wrumble@ptd.net). A copy of the bulletin is included with the audio link.

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!

**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 106 NSRV

A Confession of Israel's Sins

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

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

<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?

<sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times.

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your  
people;

help me when you deliver them;

<sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory in your heritage.

## Philippians 4:1-9 NSRV

**4** <sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

### Exhortations

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion,<sup>[a]</sup> help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice<sup>[a]</sup> in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about<sup>[a]</sup> these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Matthew 22:1-14 NSRV

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

**22** Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a

wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

**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

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

**Welcome to Ashley Tarasuk**, our part-time cleaning person until Linda Trainer returns.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Orders are due **TODAY** and the pick-up date is **October 17th** (The same day as the pancake breakfast.) Anyone with questions can contact me at 484-633-5833 or Margy Sabetti at 484-281-3630 by phone or email me at [TarasukA@basdschools.org](mailto:TarasukA@basdschools.org). **All orders must be paid upon turning them in and paying with cash or check.** Ashley Tarasuk

### **Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast**

Saturday, October 17 from 9-11 with two seatings. Masks are required.



Tickets are required and can be purchased by Bev Rumble or by calling the church office. Cost is \$7.00 adults, \$5.00 children (5-12) and free for under 5.

Help is needed for prep, serving and cleanup. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Donations to cover expenses are also welcome. Bev Rumble has tickets today.

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner has been changed to November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Details to follow

More information about Chocolates on Broadway Christmas candy sale will be forthcoming.

***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***

**PROPERTY POSITION:** Dick Roberts, who has served as the Property Chair@ Bethany for many years is retiring from the position in September. We are looking for a new chair or co-chairs to oversee this much needed task. Dick is willing to provide the details involved. **THANK YOU, DICK,** Call the church office or Dick Roberts (484-375-7142) if you are willing to serve.





### **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 – MATEY’S PIZZA ORDERS DUE**

- 9:30 A Adult DVD study “The Prayers of Jesus” in FH  
10:45 A Worship w/Handbell Choir

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- 1 P Interview Committee FH  
7:30 P Growth committee – Zoom meeting

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

- 5:30 P Handbells in Sanctuary

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- 1 P Service at Herron FH for Bob Bauder, a long time member at Bethany who entered eternal rest on Sept 25. Calling hour will be 1 – 1:30 at the FH, followed by burial at Nisky Hill Cemetery at 2.

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17**

- 9A A) Pancake & Sausage breakfast in FH  
10 A) Pick up Matey’s pizzas by Noon

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 – LAITY SUNDAY**

- 9:30 A Adult DVD study “The Prayers of Jesus” in FH  
10:45 A Worship



*Bethlehem has announced that there will be a trick or treat night from 6 - 8 P on Friday, October 30. Donations of candy and/or bottled water can be brought to Bethany. There is a wash basket in the vestibule for your items*

# LET'S HAVE A CARD SHOWER FOR

Fred & Dolly Ackerman will be celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday, October 16.

They have not seen each other since March due to the pandemic. Let them know we are thinking of them on their Emerald Anniversary with a card shower.

Address:  
Fred & Dolly Ackerman  
341 Sixth Ave.  
Bethlehem PA 18018-5303

Dolly's birthday was Oct. 7

Her address is:  
Dolly Ackerman  
Sacred Heart Assisted Living  
4851 Saucon Creek Road  
Center Valley PA 18034



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

New members will be received in November. Please let Pastor Todd know if you want to join the Bethany Family.

## 138 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

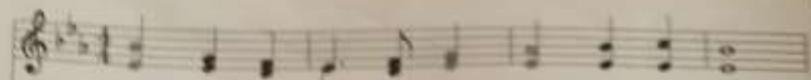
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you; all on earth your scepter claim,  
 bow are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
 Name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 Three we name you; while in es - sence on - ly one,

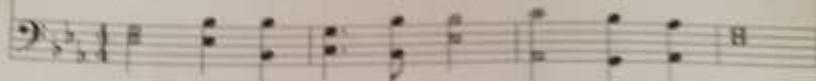
all in heaven a - bove a - dore you; in - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, then, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign,  
 sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 set of sun, through the Church the song goes on,  
 bend the knee, while we own the mys - ter - y.

## 455 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray,  
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ, they are thine own;  
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;  
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will.



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;  
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;  
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;  
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
 help us to shed a - broad thy death - less love;  
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;  
 We yield our - selves to thee—time, tal - ents, all.



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.  
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.  
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.  
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.



WORDS: William H. Foulkes (1877-1962)  
 MUSIC: Calvin Weiss Lauffer (1874-1938)