

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"GIVE...
TO GOD**

**THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."**

MATTHEW 22:21, NRSV

October 18, 2020

Laitry Sunday

Twentieth 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."

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 1, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

C: And there are varieties of service, but the same Lord:

L: And there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.

C: To each is given the showing of the Spirit for the common good. Let us worship God!

HYMN #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank You for all the good things with which You fill our lives, but most of all for the gift of Jesus in our lives. Help us to follow His example of service and witness. Mold us and shape us to be Your Body here and in the world. Bless this worship hour, 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 96:1-9

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Matthew 22:15-22

SHARING: "Why I Give to Bethany: Time, Talent and Treasure"
Debbie Brown, Rebecca Kesselring, Len Kesselring

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: "Jesus Loves Me" based on Clair de Lune) by William Bradberry, Claude DeBussy...Arranged by Fred Bock

Dedicated in memory of my mother, DaMaris Stanley. This was her favorite arrangement of Jesus Loves Me.

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 – A LITANY OF INTERCESSION (see page 10) – LORD’S PRAYER (*to be sung by congregation*)

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 #687 “All Things Are Yours!”

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: Dan & Margy Sabetti

Reader: Philip Haines

Ushers: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

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. 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.

Thank you for your support of yesterday's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and Matey's Pizza Sale!

Thank you to Debbie, Rebecca and Len for sharing this Laity Sunday!

Pastor Todd and Jean will be away this Wednesday through next Tuesday. Pastor Tammie Rinker of West End Moravian Church is available for pastoral emergencies.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 96:1-9 NSRV

Praise to God Who Comes in Judgment

- ¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
- ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.

- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
- ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

2 Corinthians 9:6-12 NSRV

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness^[a] endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.^[b] ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Matthew 22:15-22 NSRV

The Question about Paying Taxes

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the

Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

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:

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner for November has been

CANCELLED.

Order sheets from Chocolates on Broadway for Christmas candy sale have arrived. Please contact Debbie Brown or the office if you would like to take one to your workplace or neighborhood.

Place your nut orders by November 1 by calling Debbie Brown @ 484-358-3735.

Nut making will be on November 7 and 9 starting at 9 a.m.

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 18 LAITY SUNDAY

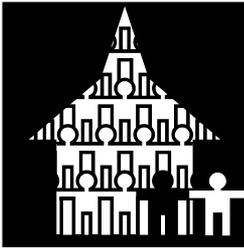
9:30 A Adult DVD study "The Prayers of Jesus" in FH
10:45 A Worship

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 –REFORMATION SUNDAY

No Adult DVD study – will resume November 1
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.



Become Part of *Our* Church Family

New members will be received on November 8. Please let Pastor Todd know if you want to join the Bethany Family.

Free drive through flu shots offered November 7 & 8.

LVHN will be sponsoring the free flu shot clinics on both sites from 9 A – 3 P on November 7 at Dorney Park and at Coca Cola Park on November 8.

Vaccinations will be for 6 months to 64 years of age and a senior dose for those age 65 and older. For mandatory registration forms visit www.lvhn.org/flushot or call 888-402-5846. Complete and bring a 2020 consent form for each person to be vaccinated.

Wear loose fitting clothing for the shot to be administered in the arms of adults and in the legs of children under two years old.

LVHN is collecting optional donations of unexpired, non perishable food items for use by area food banks and shelters at the drive thru sessions.



A LITANY OF INTERCESSION

O God, who has made us a royal priesthood, that we might offer to you prayer and intercession for all sorts and conditions of people, hear us as we pray.

For all who toil in the burden and heat of the day, that they may enjoy the rewards of their industry, that they may not be defrauded of their due, and that we may never cease to be mindful of our debt to them;

We ask your grace and pledge our concern, O God.

For those who have authority and power over others, that they may not use it for selfish advantage, but be guided to do justice and to love mercy;

We ask your grace and pledge our concern, O God.

For rulers of the nations that they may act wisely and without pride, may seek to promote peace among the peoples and establish justice in our common life;

We ask your grace and pledge our concern, O God.

For teachers and ministers of the word, for artists and interpreters of our spiritual life, that they may rightly divide the word of truth, and not be tempted by pride or greed and any ignoble passion to corrupt the truth to which they are committed;

We ask your grace and pledge our concern, O God.

For prophets and seers and saints, who awaken us from our sloth, that they may continue to hold their torches high in a world darkened by prejudice and sin, and ever be obedient to the heavenly vision;

We ask your grace and pledge our concern, O God

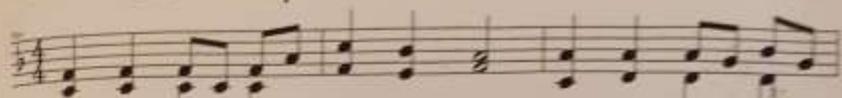
Unison

O Lord, who has bound us together in this bundle of life, give us grace to understand how our lives depend upon the courage, the industry, the honesty and integrity of others; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

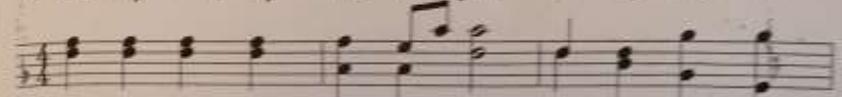
-Harry Emerson Fosdick

Take My Life and Let It Be

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- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
- 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
- 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
- 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

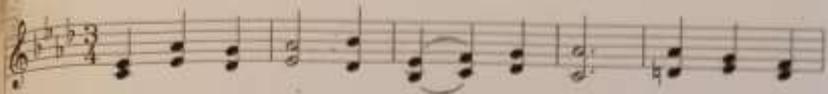


at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

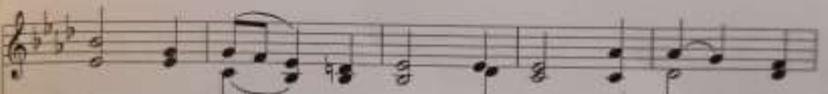


All Things Are Yours!

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1 All things are yours! We make that true when we re -
 2 "Give out of love," your Word com-mands. We are your
 3 O what a joy to give and then, out of com-
 4 All things are yours! We make that true when we re -



turn our gifts to you. And so we give, and
 head, your heart, your hands. Your Word you un-der-
 pas-sion, give a-gain. You have no needs. Though
 turn our gifts to you. And so we give, and



so we share, in Christ's strong name ex-press-ing care.
 score with deeds by us-ing us to an-swer needs.
 that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.
 so we share, in Christ's strong name ex-press-ing care.

