

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

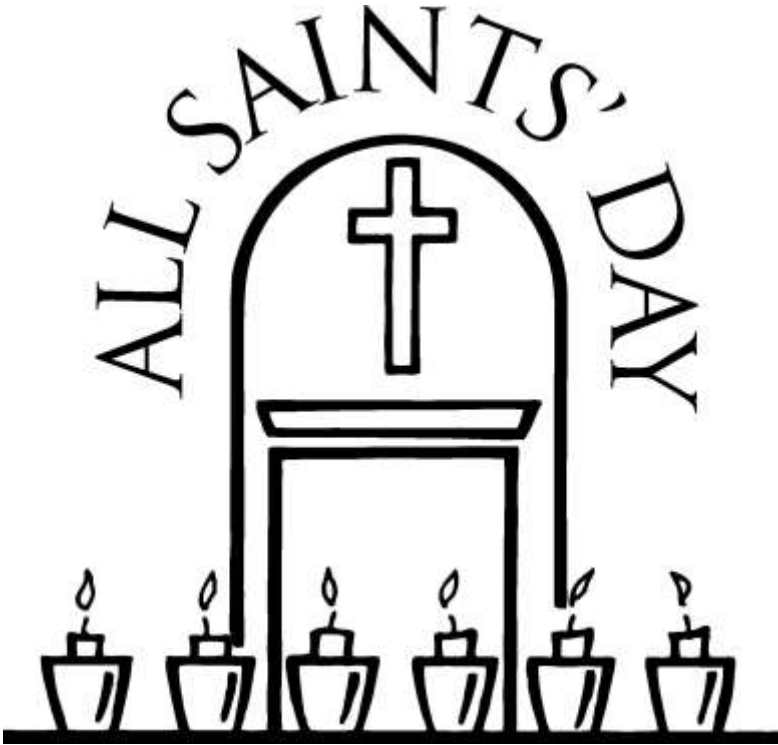
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November 1, 2020

Twenty 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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November 1, 2020 All Saints' Sunday 10:45 AM

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)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Andante". ... W.A. Mozart

Clarinet - Ashley Tarasuk

Bass clarinet - Meghann Wright

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Loving God, grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you.

All: Enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

Pastor: May we know what is the hope to which we are called.

All: May we enjoy with all the saints, the glorious inheritance you have promised us in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Pastor: Together with all the saints who surround us in heaven and on earth, let us worship God!

HYMN: #545 How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Lord of all the saints and creator of one holy church, we give you thanks for the lives of all who have witnessed to your love and faithfulness in this life. We especially praise and thank you for the love of the saints who have molded our lives. We give thanks for all the saints who have loved us who now grace your church

triumphant. Keep them in your mighty care and reunite us in your time, with all whom we love in holy presence. Amen.

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

M: We are all children of God gathered in the place. Let us greet one another as children of God. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #533 "Joy in the Morning"*

There'll be joy in the morning on that day, there'll be joy in the morning on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there'll be joy in the morning on that day.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore, there'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice, there'll be peace and contentment evermore.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love and forgiveness everywhere.

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 5: 1-12

Leader: This is the Good News.

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON "Saints Alive"

*IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SAINTS: WE
RECOGNIZE AND REMEMBER...*

Jean S. Thrash 12/15/2019

Joyce Heydt 2/25/2020

Joyce M Hammer 5/26/2020

Robert "Bob" C Bauder 9/25/2020

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PRAYER

Pastor: O God, our strength and our redeemer, giver of life and conqueror of death, we praise you with humble hearts. With faith in your great mercy and wisdom, we entrust these saints to your eternal care. We praise you for your steadfast love for them all of the days of their earthly life. We thank you for all that they were to those who loved them and for their faithfulness to your church. We thank you that for these beloved, all sickness and sorrow is ended, death itself is past, and they have entered the home where all your people gather in peace.

C Keep us all in communion with your faithful people in every time and place, that at last we may rejoice together in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

All: Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION:

Just as Christ has taught the way of life to us, the church, we have the responsibility of bringing life to the world around us through our ministries and the outreach of missions through our connections of faith around the globe. Let us offer gratefully and sacrificially to the work of God who has given all for us.

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

OFFERTORY: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" (excerpt)
...John Carter

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord;
My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord.*

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #726 We Praise You, O God Vs. 1
We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring; we lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

All: Living God, we are your people, called to carry your presence into the world. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission. We dedicate this offering to your good purpose and ask you to multiply our effort to meet the needs of the time and to witness to your goodness. This we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sins/sin against us*)

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 #529 For All the Saints. Vs. 1, 2, 4

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #522 Shall We Gather at the River. Vs. 1 **Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



Silk flowers are placed on the altar remembering my parent's anniversary Nov. 4th by Margy Sabetti

Bulletins In memory of Wayne K Hollabaugh a peanut volunteer and the love of my life. Happy Birthday from wife Linda

Ushers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Tom Hoffert, Len Kesselring

Lay reader: Bill Rumble

Greeters: Volunteers

Altar Guild: Gail Correll

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.

Scripture

Psalm 43 NRSV

Prayer to God in Time of Trouble

¹ Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people;
from those who are deceitful and unjust
deliver me!

² For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you cast me off?

Why must I walk about mournfully
because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy;
and I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 NRSV

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters;^a we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that

you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY NOV 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

9:30 A Adult DVD study "The Parables of Jesus" in FH

10:45 A Worship

MONDAY NOV 2ND

Nut Orders Due call Debbie Brown 484-358-3735

TUESDAY NOV 3RD ELECTION DAY

FELLOWSHIP HALL IN USE ALL DAY

WEDNESDAY NOV 4TH

5:30pm Bells in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY NOV 7TH

9am Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY NOV 8TH

9:30 A Adult DVD study "The Parables of Jesus" in FH

10:45 A Worship with Receiving New Members

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.

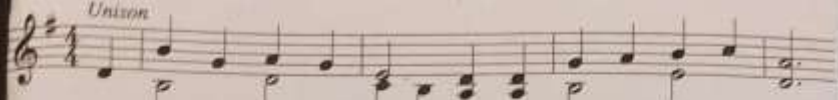
Order sheets from Chocolates on Broadway for Christmas candy sale have arrived. Please contact Debbie Brown in the office if you would like to take one to your workplace or neighborhood

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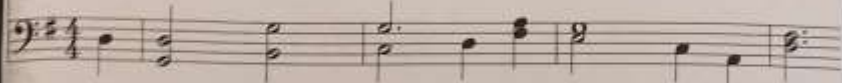
Debbie Brown is the new church secretary and the office hours will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30-1:30.

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely 545

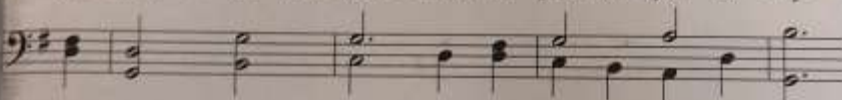
Unison



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



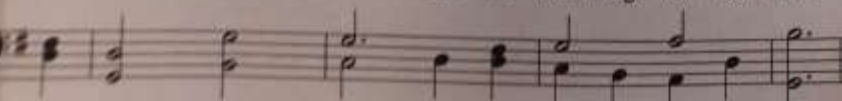
my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray,
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.



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For All the Saints

Unison, verses 1, 2, 5 and 6.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress and their might; thou,
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 6 From earth's wide bounds and o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray, the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Harmony, verses 3 and 4.

3 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long.

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine.
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song.

Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.

to verses 5 and 6
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!