

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon, Tues and Thurs. 9:30-1:30

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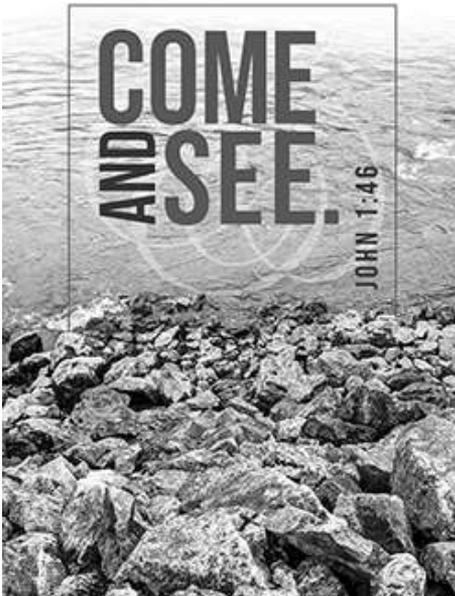
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Pastor Todd Fennell

Matt Miller, Consistory President

Susan Wright, Director of Music



January 17, 2021

Second Sunday After Epiphany

“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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January 17, 2021

10:45 AM

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: "Prelude in D Major" J.K.F. Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From the midst of our real lives with their very real problems,

All: We come to seek courage and strength from the presence of God and the support of one another.

Pastor: As those who never fully live up to our high calling in Jesus Christ,

All: We come to be encouraged to do our best for one more week. Let us be disciples for Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: #420 "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Living Christ, Your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet You were faithful in following God's will. Breathe Your Spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship or the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the call and cost of faithful discipleship. For it is in Your name we pray. Amen.

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

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #11 Stand Up and Bless the Lord.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless his glorious name, both now and evermore.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

I Samuel 3: 1-10

John 1: 43-51

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "A Simple Invitation: Come and See"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Knowing You" ...G. Kendrick, arr. G. Parker

Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing. You're my all, you're the best, you're my joy, my righteousness, And I love you, Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #34 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Everlasting and Giving God, Thank You that You are the light of the world. Your word says that the earth is Yours, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to You. We recognize everything we have

belongs to You. We acknowledge that our very lives belong to You. We now offer both to You a portion of what You have given us and we ask Your blessing on these offerings, for the support of Bethany Church and Your mission in the world. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER – PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 #408 I Am Thine, O Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: Flowers placed in honor of our church members by Len and Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS: Placed in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the many blessings He has bestowed upon the members of Bethany UCC by Len and Rebecca Kesselring

GREETER: Kathy Knoll and Gail Correll

USHERS: John Knoll, Gail Correll and Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Adrienne Kotsko

AUDIO & VIDEO 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! Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY, JANUARY 17 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 AM Worship, after service remove decorations

MONDAY, JANUARY 18 – Martin Luther King Day Office Closed

Beeline articles and Annual Reports due to the office.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19 – No rehearsals

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 AM Worship (Congregational Meeting postponed)

BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER

On Wednesday February 3rd, Bethany will serve as hosts. The restrictions at the shelter have limited our participation greatly. I would like to prepare our meal Tuesday at Bethany. We should be able to have five people in the kitchen and practice social distancing. We would heat our meal Wednesday at Christ Church. There will be a team of five to serve and clean up. Don't panic dishwashers as we will be using all paper products. If you are interested in serving this essential service please call me at 610-360-8743 or 610-691-8673. As always bakers are needed. Baked goods can be dropped off at church Monday or Tuesday. Monetary donations will also help to defray the churches cost. This is all new territory and if you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. You can also call the church office and Debbie will pass along messages to me.

Thanks, Wendy Glassic

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2020

Annual reports for 2020 can be submitted to Debbie Brown in the Church Office no later than January 18. The report will be prepared and made available for the annual meeting. (to be scheduled)

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent out.

Scriptures

I Samuel 3:1-10 NRSV

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

3 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So, he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before,

“Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

John 1:43-51 NRSV

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.”

⁵¹ And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

BEELINE articles for February are due on January 18th.

SOUP SALE

We are having a **Soup Sale** on January 30th. We are taking orders which will be due by January 24th and pickup will be in Fellowship Hall from 10-12 on Saturday January 30th. Soup will be priced at \$8/quart or \$5/pint. Order forms went out via email and are posted in the Narthex. Please call the office for more information.

SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

Orders Due January 24th

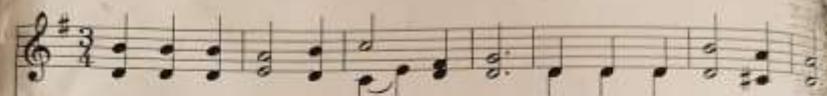
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Sausage Pasta			
Stuffed Pepper			
Minestrone			
Turkey Orzo			

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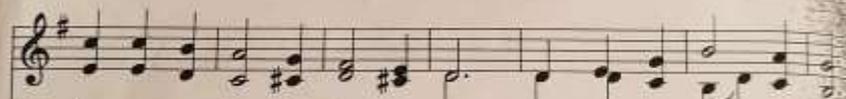
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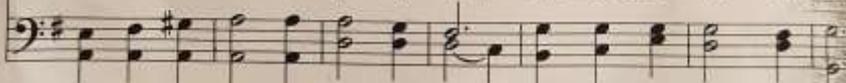
420 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet-ness fills my breast
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be



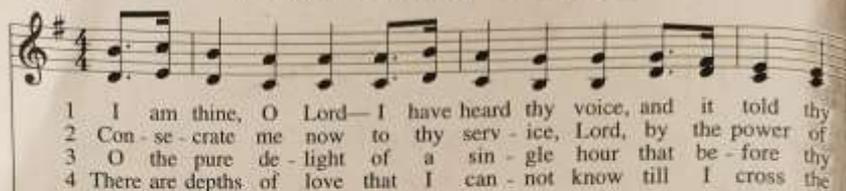
but sweet-er far thy face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest,
 a sweet-er sound than thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all
 to those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek
 the love of Je - sus, what it is none but his loved ones know
 Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty



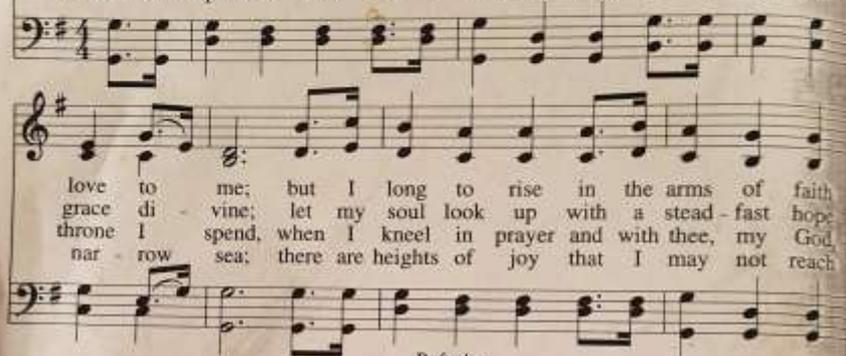
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 MUSIC: John B. Dykes (1823-1876)

ST. AGNES
 C&A

I Am Thine, O Lord



1 I am thine, O Lord—I have heard thy voice, and it told thy
 2 Con-se-crate me now to thy serv-ice, Lord, by the power of
 3 O the pure de-light of a sin-gle hour that be-fore thy
 4 There are depths of love that I can-not know till I cross the



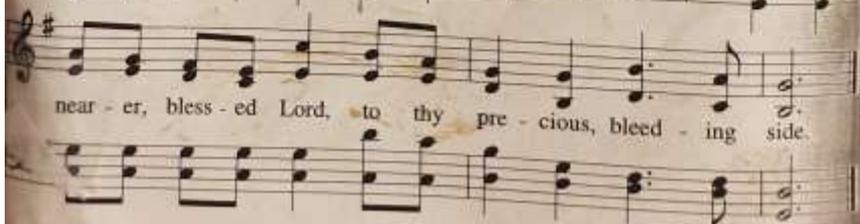
love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith
 grace di-vine; let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope
 throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,
 nar-row sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach

Refrain


and be clos-er drawn to thee.
 and my will be lost in thine.
 I com-mune as friend with friend, Draw me near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord,
 till I rest in peace with thee.



to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near-er, near-er,



near-er, bless-ed Lord, to thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.