

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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January 24, 2021

Third 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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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: "Toccatina in F" ...D. Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.

All: Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.

Pastor: We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the one who is its source and its living fire.

All: We affirm in Christ that we can be and are, one world and one family, working together to manifest God's love in the lives of all people!

HYMN: #470 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. Vs. 1,2, &3

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

We come to you, God, praying for unity among Christ's disciples and among all people in the world. Help us to answer the call of Jesus Christ even as the original gospel. Strengthen our resolve to move past our

differences to the great message of hope and salvation that we share in Christ. Bless us this day as we are called to discipleship and unify us all as Your body on earth. 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

Psalm 62: 5-12

Mark 1: 14-20

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Call to Discipleship"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Today We Are Called to be Disciples"

...Trad. English tune, J.W. Krug

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: #346. O Come to Me the Master Said

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #344 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus. Vs 1

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus – no turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: Flowers are placed in honor of our church staff and their loyalty to Bethany 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

LAY READER: Philip Haines

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 24 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 AM Worship to be recorded

Soup order deadline

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27 – Handbell Rehearsal and Worship Meeting

5:30 PM Handbells

6:30 PM Worship Meeting

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30 – SOUP SALE PICKUP

10-12 Pickup in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 AM Worship to be recorded

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

Psalm 62: 5-12 NRSV

- ⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
- ⁶ He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
- ⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
- ⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah*
- ⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.
- ¹⁰ Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- ¹¹ Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
- ¹² and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

Mark 1: 14-20 NRSV

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Please drop off donations at church and call to volunteer. Your help is needed!

SOUP SALE

Thank you for your soup orders! Today is the deadline for orders and pickup will be in Fellowship Hall from 10-12 on Saturday January 30th. Soup is priced at \$8/quart or \$5/pint.

SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

Orders Due January 24th

Soup	Quart/\$8	Pint/\$5	Total
Potato Corn Chowder			
Sausage Pasta			
Stuffed Pepper			
Minestrone			
Turkey Orzo			

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____



Dear Lord and Father of Mankind 470



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

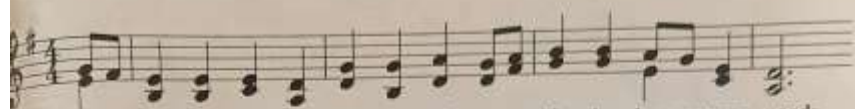
give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian Sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, the

right - ful mind; in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with
 share with thee, the us, si - lence of e
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake,

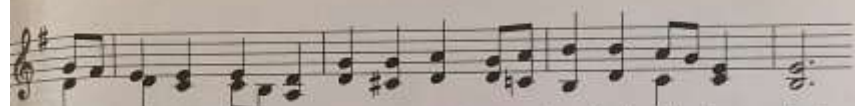
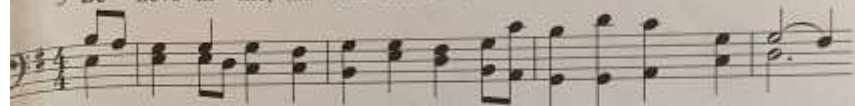
serv - ice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise,
 out a word, rise up and fol - low thee,
 fer - ni - ty, in - ter - pre - ted by love!
 lives con - feats in the beau - ty of thy peace,
 wind, and fire, the O still small voice of calm!

WORDS: John G. Whittier (1807-1892)

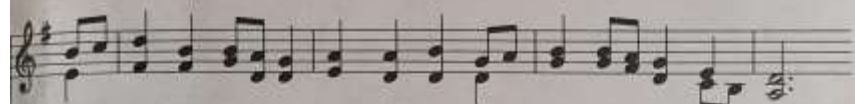
O Come to Me, the Master Said 346



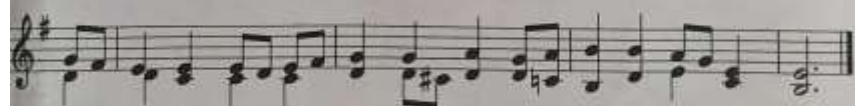
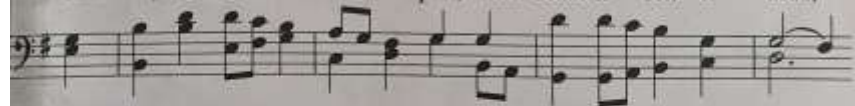
1 O come to me, the Mas-ter said, my Fa-ther knows your need;
2 A - bide in me, the Mas-ter said, the true and liv - ing vine;
3 Be - lieve in me, the Mas-ter said, for I have called you friends,



and I shall be, the Mas-ter said, your bread of life in - deed.
my life shall be, the Mas-ter said, poured out for you as wine.
and yours shall be, the Mas-ter said, the life that nev - er ends.



By faith in him we live and grow and share the bro - ken bread,
His bod - y to the cross he gave, his blood he free - ly shed,
And so, with sin and sor - row past, when death it - self is dead,



and all his love and good-ness know, for so the Mas-ter said.
who came in love to seek and save, for so the Mas-ter said.
the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the Mas-ter said.

