

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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February 7, 2021

Fifth 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: "Exaltation" ...V. L. Gumma
Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O God of hope, we cry out to you
for healing.

**All: We live in a world of brokenness, a world broken by
sin, disease, alienation, and mistrust.**

Pastor: We seek our lives to be healed and restored.

**All: We want our relationships to be blessed by the
power of your presence.**

Pastor: As we come to you, come to us and bless us.

**All: Touch us with the power of your healing that will
never end. Let us worship God.**

Pastor: Come, gather together like those who sat at Jesus'
feet so many years ago.

**All: We gather with joy, for we too want to be disciples
of Jesus.**

HYMN: #9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to Your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ You have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to You and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as You intend it, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Unison) #378 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God vs.1

Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God; Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with in me.

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

Isaiah 40: 28-31

I Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Made Worthy and Healed”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: C Major...A. Rosenstengle, arr. C. Rossini

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)

All that we are, all that we ever hope to be, and all that we acquire or ever hope to acquire we now offer to you, Lord. Do with us and the resources we offer whatever you deem right. They are all yours. We hold nothing back. Thank you for being so kind to us and for letting us enjoy everything that you, in your loving goodness, have made available to us. We humbly pray now that you will take our offerings, touch them, multiply them as you did the loaves and the fish, and then put them to use for the work of your kingdom. Take who we are and the gifts we bring out into the highways and byways of life to bless those who are less fortunate. Bless them in the name of Jesus. 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: #561 Christ for the World! We Sing

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION #716 God Be with You vs.3
**God be with you till we meet again, if life's perils should
confound you. God will put his arms around you; God
be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: Flowers and Bulletins are placed in honor of Lisa Williams and Tom Hoffert for their dedication to Bethany UCC by Len and Rebecca Kesselring

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

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 SUNDAY, FEBRAURY 7 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 AM Worship with Handbells to be recorded

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – Handbell Rehearsal

5:30 PM Handbells

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 CONSISTORY MEETING

7PM Snyder Chapel

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Happy Valentine's Day

10:45AM Worship

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

Isaiah 40: 28-31 NRSV

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23 NRSV

¹⁶ If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Mark 1: 29-39 NRSV

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and

he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

A Preaching Tour in Galilee

³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Our Sympathy

Kenneth F. Bender, Jr., 72, passed away January 25, 2021, in his home. Kenneth was a longtime member of Bethany and is survived by his sister Pat Hale and two nephews. Please keep them in your prayers.

OOPS!

**I made a mistake in the Beeline under birthdays. Ashley Tarasuk's birthday is February 18th. Sorry Ashley
Aunt Debbie**

BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER

A big thank you to all the volunteers of Bethany's BES team. We provided a great hearty meal for a cold winter day. Although we didn't get to serve it, I'm sure it was enjoyed. Again, without the cooks, bakers, donations and those who wanted to help we couldn't have done such a good job!

Thanks, Wendy Glassic

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

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1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com- pare, the
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con- fess; the
 4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im - parts; his

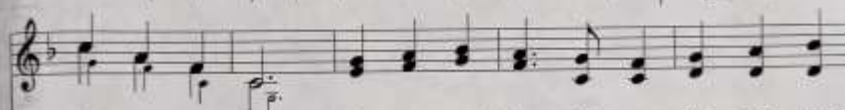
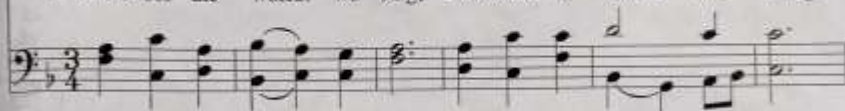
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songs be - fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
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 best; and lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

Christ for the World! We Sing 561



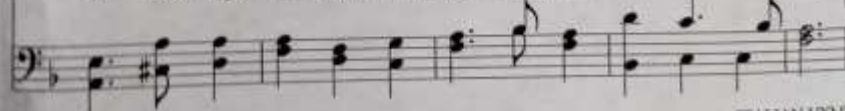
- 1 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world! we sing; the world to Christ we bring



with lov - ing zeal— the poor and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer— the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord— with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song— the new - born souls whose days, re - claimed from



o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, for Christ to heal.
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 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
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WORDS: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886)

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