

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

“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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING To Benefit Alzheimer's Research

PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ...L.
Mason, arr. M. Cohen by the Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us to come and die." We are the people who have responded to this call.

People: Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving.

Pastor: Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

People: Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.

All: This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ. God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ. Amen.

HYMN: #251 I Come to the Cross

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of justice and righteousness, deliver us from complacency about our lives and the world in which we live. Drive out from us careless sin. Transform our caring into bread for the hungry, healing for the sick, and hope for those who hunger and thirst after justice and peace, to the glory of your name. 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 #270 O How He Loves You and Me

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me; he gave his life what more could he give? O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Our Partner on The Journey”

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY:

Deacons – Jenna Nguyen, Tim Rumble

Elder – Steve Tarasuk

Words of Covenant (unison): We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to support you, honor your leadership and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

HYMN: #458 O Jesus, I Have Promised vs.3

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory, your servant shall be too; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Larghetto” from Divertimento in B Opus 12 a Woodwind Trio ...Kotschau

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #470 “Savior Thy Dying Love”
**Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me,
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee;
In love my soul would bow, my heart fulfils its vow,
Some offering brings Thee now, Something for Thee.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Generous God whose love knows no boundaries, bless this offering, we ask. We dedicate all that we give, to your loving purpose; bringing in those who have been cast out; standing strong on behalf of those who are weak; speaking out Your Word of joy and justice for all people. May Your loving realm increase! In Jesus name. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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: #253 Lead Me to Calvary vs. 1&4

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "Day by Day, Dear Lord"

**Day by day Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly, Day by day.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: Are presented today in Loving Memory of my parents Harold and Betty Maurer by Cindy Cressman.

GREETERS: Lisa Williams

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Dick Roberts and Volunteers

LAY READER: Dick Roberts

Scriptures

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 NRSV

A New Covenant

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the

covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5: 5-10 NRSV

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12: 20-33 NRSV

Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from

Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.²³ Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.

Check the back for an updated list of Homebound and those who serve. Drop them a line it will cheer you up as well as brighten their days.



Joyful Noise for the month of March will be our matching funds for Alzheimer's Research.

Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for collection will be at the Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, March 21nd. Our gifts will once again be matched (doubled) by an anonymous donor. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany Church. Checks need to be made out to Bethany UCC with Alzheimer's written in the memo. Bethany will send one check to the organization. Thank you in advance for your most generous donations. Any questions can be directed to Sue Wright. P.S. If you are not able to be in attendance on March 21nd, your donation will be accepted any time up to and including Easter Sunday.

Many thanks to our handbell choir for their continual gift music to add to our worship service, and to the members of today's woodwind trio.

*Meghann Wright - flute
Ashley Tarasuk - clarinet
Jenna Nguyen - bassoon*

Upcoming Fundraisers:



Easter Candy from Chocolates on Broadway is here in Snyder Chapel. Thank you to all who participated in this.

Easter Flowers are available to order until today March 21. We will be ordering from **Cierech Greenhouses**. Since the poinsettias we ordered were beautiful I look forward to enjoying the daffodils and tulips we decorate the altar with on Easter Sunday. A pot of daffodils will be \$9 and a pot of tulips with 6 blooms will be \$7. Order forms are in the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself.



Nut Orders as well as extra nuts are available in Snyder Chapel. Thanks so much to everyone who participated either by placing an order or helping with preparation. We will try to do one more order in June. Please consider helping us to continue this fundraiser as our numbers continue to drop both in orders placed as well as those who help.

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I Come to the Cross

F Gm/F F #/A C/Bb Bb Dm7/A Gm

I come to the cross seek-ing mer-cy and grace; I come to the

Detailed description: This system contains the first two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The bottom staff is in bass clef. The melody in the top staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The bass line in the bottom staff consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the top staff: F, Gm/F, F, #/A, C/Bb, Bb, Dm7/A, and Gm.

C7 F G7/D C F Gm/F F

cross where you died in my place. Out of my weak-ness and

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth staves of music. The top staff continues the melody with a quarter note D5, followed by quarter notes E5, F5, and G5. The bass line continues with eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the top staff: C7, F, G7/D, C, F, Gm/F, and F.

C/Bb Bb Dm7/A Gm C7 F

in-to your strength; hum-bly I come to the cross.

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth staves of music. The top staff features a quarter note G5, followed by a quarter note F5, and then a half note G5. The bass line continues with eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the top staff: C/Bb Bb, Dm7/A Gm, C7, and F. A first and second ending bracket is shown above the final measure of the top staff.

Am Dm Gm C7 F Bb Dm7/Bb G7/Bb

Your arms are o-pen, you call me by name, you wel-come this child that was

Detailed description: This system contains the seventh and eighth staves of music. The top staff begins with a quarter note G5, followed by quarter notes F5, E5, and D5. The bass line continues with eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the top staff: Am, Dm, Gm, C7, F, Bb, Dm7/Bb, and G7/Bb.

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lost. You paid the price for my guilt and my shame;

Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come, Je - sus, I come to the cross.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The top two staves are the vocal line and the guitar accompaniment. The bottom two staves are the bass line and the guitar accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The guitar chords are written above the guitar staves. The chords for the first line are Cmaj7, C, Dm, Edm/D, Dm, F/A, C7/b, Bb, and Dm7/A. The chords for the second line are Gm, C, Am, Dm, Gm, C7, Bb/C, C7, and F. The word 'LENT' is written in the top right corner.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, MARCH 14 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
 10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Joyful Noise to benefit Alzheimer’s Research as well as Special Music by the Handbell Choir and the Woodwind Trio!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 – Handbell Rehearsal

5:30PM Rehearsal in the Sanctuary followed by Woodwind Rehearsal

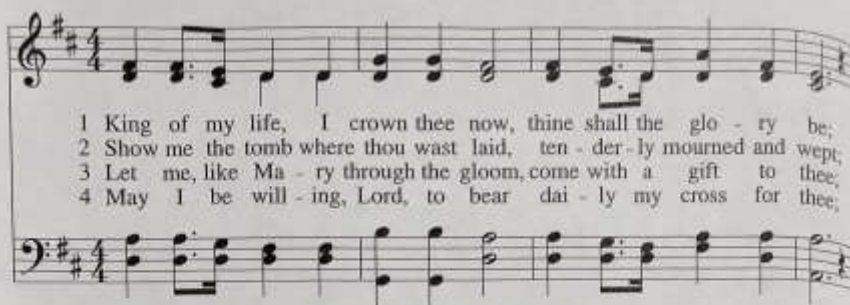
NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 28 – Palm Sunday

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
 10:45AM Worship with Trombone, Piano/Organ Duet and Handbells in the Sanctuary, Come for your Palms!

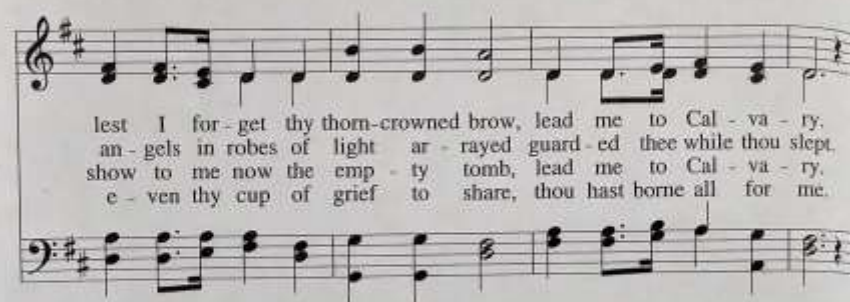
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Lead Me to Calvary

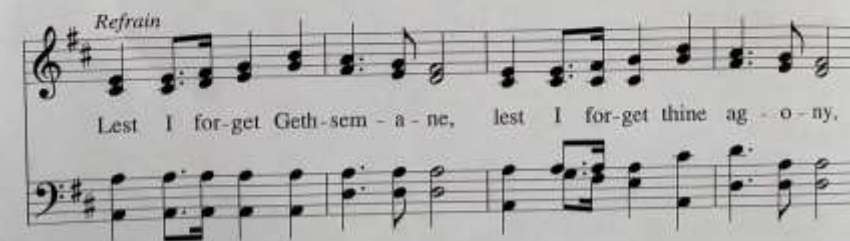


1 King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glo - ry be;
2 Show me the tomb where thou wast laid, ten - der - ly mourned and wept;
3 Let me, like Ma - ry through the gloom, come with a gift to thee;
4 May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear dai - ly my cross for thee;

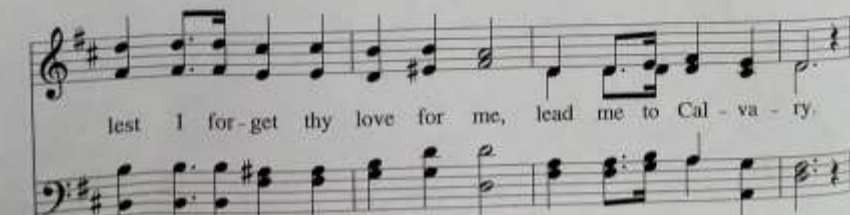


lest I for - get thy thorn - crowned brow, lead me to Cal - va - ry,
an - gels in robes of light ar - rayed guard - ed thee while thou slept,
show to me now the emp - ty tomb, lead me to Cal - va - ry,
e - ven thy cup of grief to share, thou hast borne all for me.

Refrain



Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne, lest I for - get thine ag - o - ny,



lest I for - get thy love for me, lead me to Cal - va - ry.