

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 28, 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: Palm Sunday Medley “Sing Hosanna”, “All Glory Laud and Honor” and “Lift Up Your Heads” ... Mc Cray, Callahan, Fry by the Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come! Come from the streets and the roads!

People: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Pastor: Come! Come from your busy homes and places of business.

People: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Pastor: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen!

HYMN: “The Palms” ...J. Faure’

Trombone – Tim Rumble

O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay,

Are strewn this day in festal preparation

Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,

E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

(Refrain)

(Refrain)

**Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with joyous acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!**

**His word goes forth, and people by its might.
Freedom regain once more from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right.
While those in darkness are restored to light.
(Refrain)**

**Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (Refrain)**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious God of love and infinite power, we praise You for Jesus Christ, who came riding into the city of Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and not by might. Help us understand His servanthood and His suffering and move us to deeper faith and service. In His 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 #268 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty! vs. 1

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes
hosanna cry: O Savior meek, pursue your road with
palms and scattered garments strowed.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118: 19-29
Philippians 2: 5-11
Mark 11: 1-11

Leader: This is the Good News
People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “A Time to Shout”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Open the Gates of the Temple” ...P. P.
Knapp Piano/Organ Duet

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #688 “We Give Thee but Thine
Own” vs. 1

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be:
and that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from
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: "All Glory Laud and Honor"

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed
One.**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we
present.**

**To thee, before thy passion they sang their hymns of
praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we
bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious
King.**

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: "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ...Ellacombe Tune

Our worship ends, our service begins!

FLOWERS and BULLETINS: Are presented today by Len and Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Jack and Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright and Len Kesselring

LAY READER: Mike Reiniger

Scriptures

Psalm 118: 19-29 NRSV

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Philippians 2: 5-11 NRSV

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 11: 1-11 NRSV

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

11 When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ² and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³ If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵ some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷ Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Many thanks to Tim Rumble, our trombonist for this morning's service.

Many thanks to our Handbell Choir as well as Rebecca Kesselring and Sue Wright for their special music.

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.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 24th as we again host a breakfast in Fellowship Hall. On the menu will be the Rumble's world-famous scrambled eggs with delicious link sausage. There will also be juice, coffee and tea. Tickets will be \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Children 5 and under. There will be two seating's: 9 and 10. Tickets are available see Bev Rumble.

We would like to continue the nut fundraising however we continue to see a drop in orders as well as those who are willing to help. Right now, we plan to make nuts in June but it is up to the members of this congregation if we make a fall schedule and continue with this project. Please pray on this and decide if you are able to commit to this Bethany tradition. Our profits after expenses this month were about \$300.

Chocolates on Broadway sent us a check for \$205.72. Thanks to all who participated.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 – Handbell Rehearsal

5:30PM Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
6:30PM Brass Quartet Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

7PM Service with Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 – GOOD FRIDAY

7PM Service with the Passion Stories from Mark told by Pastor Todd

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 4 – EASTER SUNDAY!

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
10:45AM Celebrate the Risen Lord with Festive Music in our beautifully decorated sanctuary.

There is still time....

The deadline for donating to Alzheimer’s Disease Research has been extended thru Easter Sunday April 4th. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to this worthy cause. We currently have received \$872.68 which will be doubled! What a wonderful start, how much more will we raise?

One Great Hour of Sharing offerings total \$140 as of this week there are still envelopes if you want to contribute.



Spring Planning

As we enter the spring season let's look to the future here at Bethany. While many of us tackle our spring cleaning in our homes let's think about giving God's house some attention. Dick has a list of projects that need to be tackled and we will have sign up sheets available in the narthex. We also find with the days lasting longer and the weather warmer that we want to get out and enjoy life. Even with restrictions we can still plan events. There have been suggestions of a spring dance as well as a night of Bingo. Let us know what you think.