

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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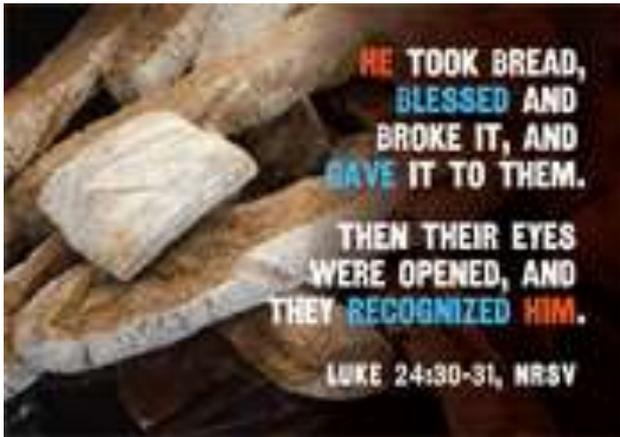
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April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

“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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April 18, 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: "Toccata" ...J. Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! God is with us!

People: Even when we crucify all goodness, God raises goodness again.

Pastor: Alleluia! God is with us!

People: Even when we crucify all hope, God raises hope again.

Pastor: Alleluia! God is with us!

People: Even when we crucify all light, God raises light again.

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen Indeed! Let us worship God!

HYMN: # 247 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you placed before us. Caught up in our own hopes, plans, and fantasies, and

crushed when they disappoint us, we are slow to see open pathways you set before us. Open our eyes, that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #291

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name!

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

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #118 “Lord of the Dance” vs.5

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that’ll never, never, die; I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

REFRAIN: Dance, then, where-ever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I’ll lead you all where-ever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

I John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 13-35

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Risen and Recognized”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Where're You Walk" ...G. F. Handel
Trombone – Tim Rumble

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)

God of love, we offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts and financial gifts as a sign of our love for You and the world. We ask Your blessing on the gifts where You meet us in our suffering, and raise us up, so that all may come to know of Your abiding love. In Jesus name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(you are invited to come to the Table to receive the bread, then the cup of your choice)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

O Living Christ, we thank You for this feast of life. Fed by Your love, and strengthened by Your life; we humbly accept Your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share Your joy. 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: #287 Lift High the Cross

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: #305 “He Is Lord”

**“He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and
he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue
confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!”**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS are sponsored by Len and Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS are sponsored by Debbie Brown

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

Scriptures

I John 3: 1-7 NRSV

3 ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Luke 24: 13-35 NRSV

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah

should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So, he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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.

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

Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex to participate in Spring Cleaning Bethany. There are many projects with multiple skill sets needed.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS!

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 potato patty and 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. If you are unable to attend donations toward expenses are appreciated.

Many thanks to Tim Rumble for being our trombonist for the morning's Offertory!



Let's throw an amazing 21st Birthday Card Shower for Joshua Talijan currently training in Texas and soon to travel to Germany. Drop him a line send him a present whatever you want. Remember his birthday is Monday April 26th, there's still time.

Joshua Talijan
161 Nuchols St. Unit 6074
Goodfellow AFB TX 76908-3300

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, APRIL 18 – Third Sunday in Easter

930AM Adult Bible Study DVD “The Death and Resurrection of the Messiah” in Fellowship Hall
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion and special music in our offertory. Last chance to purchase tickets for Saturday’s Breakfast!

MONDAY, APRIL 19 Office Closed

4-8PM Bach Choir in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 Office Closed

4-8PM Bach Choir in the Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 – No Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 22 Office Closed

4-8PM Bach Choir in the Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 Beeline Articles Due

4-8PM Bach Choir in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, APRIL 24 Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

9AM 1st seating
10AM 2nd seating
10AM Bach Choir in the Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 25

10:45AM Worship with music by the Handbell Choir, the Woodwind Quartet and another musical surprise!

The office will be closed the week of April 19-24. Please leave send an email with anything to be added to the Beeline or announcements for the 25th.



Let's throw a card shower for some of our members who could use a lift! Below are addresses for three ladies who could use some sunshine in their lives.

Lillian Connors
c/o Moravian Village Healthcare Center
634 E. Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Ruth Bowers
218 9th Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018 - 5107

Sharon Haines
1541 Center Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018-2506



Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Johann C. Schwedler, 1741
Tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863

HENDON 7.7.7.7.
H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Ask ye what great thing I know That de - lights and
2. Who de - feats my fier - cent foes? Who con - soles my
3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of
4. This is that great thing I know; This de - lights and

stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name I
sad - dest woes? Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, Heal - ing all its
death will be? Who will place me on his right, With the count - less
stirs me so: Faith in him who died to save, Him who tri - umphed

glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
hid - den smart? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

Lift High the Cross

EASTER

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Refrain (Unison)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till

all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

Verse (parts)

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Sav-ior trod,
2 All new-born ser-vants of the Cru-ci-fied tree,
3 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be:

to Refrain

our King vic-to-ri-ous, Christ, the Son of God,
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
your death has brought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
praise to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry.