

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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June 20, 2021 4th Sunday after Pentecost

“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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June 20, 2021

10:00 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: "Brethren We Have Met to Worship" ...arr. J.
Newcomer Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What right have we to invoke God's name on what we say and do here together?

People: In Christ we have been called to be god's people, and given God's Spirit and Word.

Leader: Have we the courage to worship in spirit and in truth, knowing that it may change us?

People: We have come to seek, to find, and to be found, with confidence not in ourselves but in God.

*HYMN: #23 All Creatures of Our God and King. Vs. 1, 4&5
Handbells with accompaniment

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Tender and compassionate God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, help us to believe that You receive us as we are. More than that, help us, imperfect though we are, to be carriers of the message of your love, like earthen vessels that carry treasures;

and may we worship You in spirit and in truth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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 (unison): #657 He Has Made Me Glad*

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter his courts with praise. I will say “This is the day that the Lord had made!” I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad; he has made me glad; I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad; he has made me glad; I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13

*Mark 4: 35 – 41

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Open Hearts”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Faith of Our Fathers” ...arr. Smith/Hustad

Piano/organ duet

In honor of our Fathers on Father’s Day

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE #44 Doxology*

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.

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: #552 We All Are One In Mission

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #688 We Give Thee but Thine Own. verse 5

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be: whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

*POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS & BULLETINS: are dedicated to all the fathers at Bethany for all the joy they bring to their families by Len & Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Cindy Beck, Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

Thank you to Rebecca Kesselring and the Handbell Choir for sharing their talents with us this morning for our service.

Scriptures

2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13 NRSV

6 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

“At an acceptable time, I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4: 35 - 41 NRSV

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

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.

Bethany Needs Your Help

We need everyone to pitch in and help take care of our church home. We all have a little time in our busy lives to do one of the jobs listed below occasionally. If you or your group holds an event or meeting at the church, please make sure all trash is put in the furnace room and the rest rooms are stocked with toilet paper and paper towels. Be sure that floors and tables are clean. On Sunday before you leave your pew look around and make sure all trash goes with you and all items are returned to their proper place. If you see something that needs to be done, do it. Or bring it to the attention of someone who can address the concern.

Your Consistory, Staff, and Ministry/ Committee leadership want you to be aware of this information. We hope that it will encourage you to act. Everyone has special talents and abilities. Sometimes we think we have little or nothing to offer. Time is often limited, but we can make time for things we care about. You are vital to Bethany United Church of Christ. Speak to any consistory member, ministry/committee leader, or staff member to offer your help.

As we heard last Sunday, Dick Roberts has officially retired as Property Chairman. He announced last year he was stepping down and gave plenty of time for someone to volunteer. Dick will work with someone to go over what needs to be done but he will no longer be dealing with the job. We need someone or perhaps two or three people to take over this position. Please contact Matt Miller or Dick Roberts if you are willing to help.

As per the Consistory decision – If you are fully vaccinated. You may refrain from wearing masks for worship and fellowship at Bethany. You may still choose to wear your mask and there is no Judgement. PT

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY JUNE 20 Happy Father's Day

10:00AM Our Penn Northeast Conference Minister the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates is our Guest Preacher with Special Music

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

NO Bible Study in Fellowship Hall. Pastor is on vacation

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Office closed

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

9:30 – 1:30 Office open

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 27

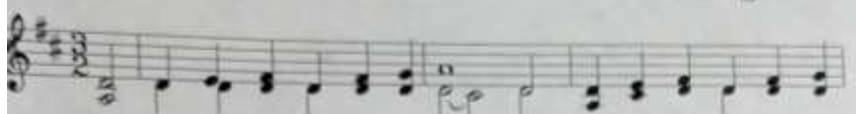
10:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary PT says he will be back and on time!

Welcome to our guest today, The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, our Conference Minister. Pastor Todd is away until June 26th. Pastoral Emergencies will be covered by Rev. Dennis Schappell. Please contact the office or Matt Miller if he is needed. Many thanks to Dan Sabetti for leading worship today.

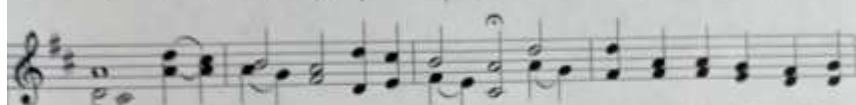
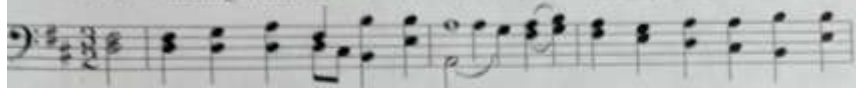
THANK YOU for your offerings to Strengthen the Church (\$145.00) and OCWM (\$226.00).

We will be sending \$246.53 to Tunnels to Towers from May's Joyful Noise. Thank You.

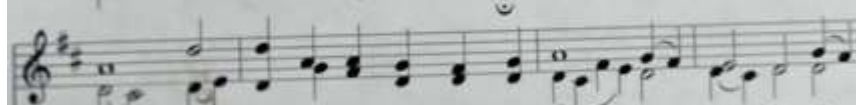
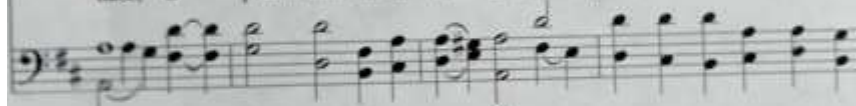
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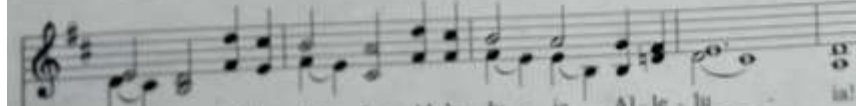
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
 2 O rush-ing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a-
 3 O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for your Lord to
 4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers, take your
 5 Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



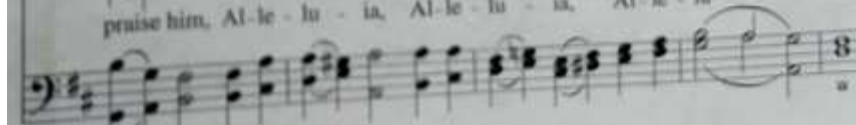
sing Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burn-ing sun with gold-en
 long, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! O ris-ing morn in praise re-
 hear, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O fire so mas-ter-ful and
 part, sing prais-es, Al-le-lu-ia! All you who pain and sor-row
 ness, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the



beam, and sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O praise him, O
 joyce, O lights of eve-ning, find a voice, O praise him, O
 bright, pro-vid-ing us with warmth and light, O praise him, O
 bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O praise him, O
 Son, and praise the Spir-it, Three in One, O praise him, O



praise him, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!



We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty.
 4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:
 the au - thor of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove,
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love,
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace,
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair,
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

WORDS: Ruoy Edwards (1955; 1974)

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