

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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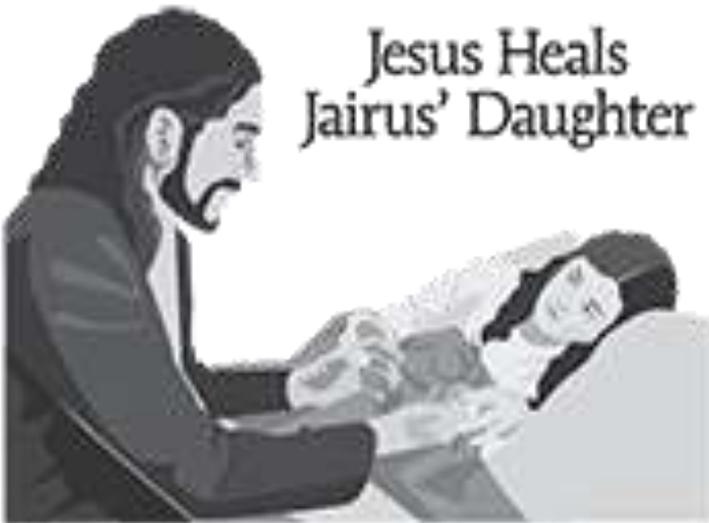
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Matt Miller, Consistory President

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June 27, 2021 5th 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 27, 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: "Jesus Is All the World to Me" ...Perkins, arr. W
Auld 2 pianos/4 hands

*Jesus is all the world to me, My life, my joy, my all: He is my
Strength from day to day, Without Him I would fall. When I
am sad to Him, I go, No other one can cheer me so; When I
am sad, he makes me glad, He's, my friend.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am
poor and needy.

**People: Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save
Your servant who trusts in you.**

Leader: O Lord, You are good and forgiving, abounding in
steadfast love to all who call on You.

**People: So, we give thanks with our whole hearts and
we glorify Your name forever. Bless this hour of
worship!**

*HYMN: #408 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Loving Christ, Your earthly ministry was full of struggle as well as joy; yet You were faithful in following God's will. Breathe Your spirit into our lives, that we may never fall back from the way of discipleship of the effort of loving. Grant that we may find true joy and peace as we accept the cost of faithful discipleship. For it is in Your 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 (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

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

*Mark 5: 21-43

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Faith of Jairus"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Are You Washed in the Blood"

E. A. Hoffman (1839-1929) Writer of 2000 plus gospel hymns including "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Banjo and Vocal by Robert Ruhe

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side? Do you rest each moment in the crucified?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin, There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean.

Refrain: Are you washed in the blood, In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

*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: #406 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

*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 sponsored by Len &
Rebecca Kesselring

GREETERS: Tom Hoffert & Ina Denninger

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Tom Wright, & Volunteers

LAY READER: Walter Williams

*Thank you to Rebecca Kesselring and Bob Ruhe
for sharing their talents with us this morning for
our service.*

Scriptures

Psalm 130 NRSV

Waiting for Divine Redemption

A Song of Ascents.

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15 NRSV

⁷ Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you^[a]—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.^[b]

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

⁹ For you know the generous act^[c] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter, I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹ now finish doing it, so that your

eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹² For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³ I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴ your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵ As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Mark 5: 21-43 NRSV

A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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 27

10:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary and enjoy special music.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

7PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

No Handbell Rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

10:00AM Worship in Fellowship Hall. Wear your Red, White and Blue as we honor America during our service with special music.

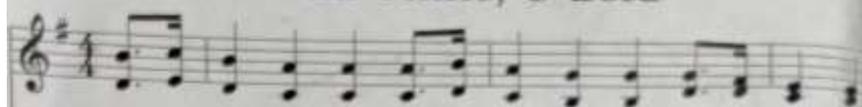
Bethany Family,

I would like to update the church directory. I would ask you to contact the office either by email or write the information on paper with your current information. I would like the names of everyone in your household as well as birthdays and anniversaries. Also include your correct street address as well as all phone numbers you want to use for contact. Finally, please provide any email addresses used by your household. I will be including this request in July's Beeline and would like to provide this updated directory to the congregation in early August. Remember I need this information in written or email form. Do not call the office since information sometimes loses something in translation.

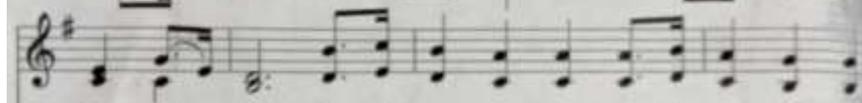
Thank you,

Debbie

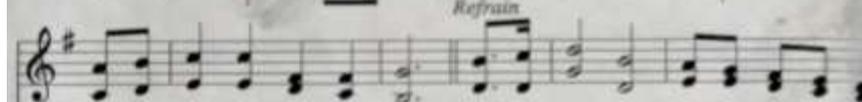
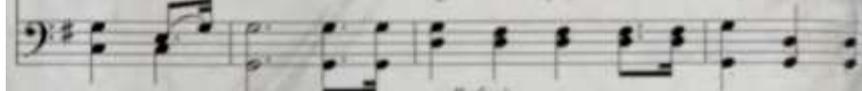
I Am Thine, O Lord



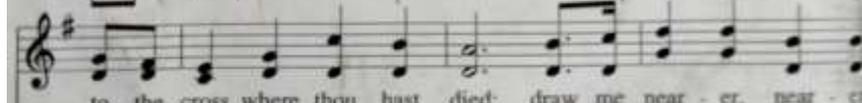
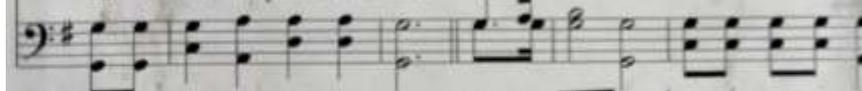
1 I am thine, O Lord—I have heard thy voice, and it told thy
 2 Con-se-crate me now to thy serv-ice, Lord, by the power of
 3 O the pure de-light of a sin-gle hour that be-fore thy
 4 There are depths of love that I can-not know till I cross the



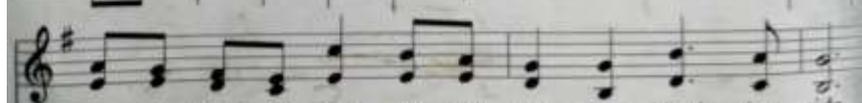
love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
 grace di-vine; let my soul look up with a stead-fast hope
 throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,
 nar-row sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach



and be clos-er drawn to thee.
 and my will be lost in thine. Draw me near-er, near-er, bless-ed Lord,
 I com-mune as friend with friend. till I rest in peace with thee.



to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near-er, near-er,



near-er, bless-ed Lord, -to thy pre-cious, bleed-ing side.



406 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1 My faith has found a rest-ing place, not in de-vice nor creed,
 2 E-nough for me that Je-sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt,
 3 My heart is lean-ing on the Word, the writ-ten Word of God,
 4 My great Phy-si-cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save,

I trust the ev-er-liv-ing One, his wounds for me shall plead,
 a sin-ful soul, I come to him, he'll nev-er cast me out,
 sal-va-tion by my Sav-ior's name, sal-va-tion through his blood,
 for me his pre-cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave,

Refrain

I need no oth-er ar-gu-ment, I need no oth-er plea,

it is e-nough that Je-sus died, and that he died for me.