

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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*Whoever does the
will of God is my
brother and sister
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

June 6, 2021 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday

“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 6, 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: "Processional" (Trumpet Tune in D) ...H. Purcell
Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to awaken to the presence of God in our lives.

People: Now is the time to come alive with our songs of praise.

Leader: Today we open ourselves to the power of the spirit of God.

All: We do this because we have responded to the ministry and message of Jesus Christ, whose people we are. Amen.

HYMN: #59 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Handbell choir w/ accompaniment

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(unison)

O Lord God, who gave birth to the church by Your Holy Spirit, hear us as we confess to You the divisions that still exist among Your people. We cling to truths and traditions that exclude and fail to invite others to our

found life. Help us to be open to the needs of others. Help us to be a welcoming congregation and to a people of Your grace. Hear now our silent, personal confessions ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #485 Into My Heart

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

**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 4:13 – 5:1

*Mark 3: 20 - 35

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “For the Troubled Heart”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" ...arr. P. Taylor

*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: #670 O Word of God Incarnate

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 and BULLETINS are presented in honor of Shawn & Andrea Brown and Jennie & John Lasso who celebrated their wedding anniversaries this month by Debbie Brown

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti, Joan Hottle, Matt Miller

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

Thank you to Meghann Wright for playing flute in this morning's offertory.

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 4:13 – 5:1 NRSV

¹³ But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— “I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Living by Faith

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

⁵ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mark 3:20 – 35 NRSV

²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you; people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

The True Kindred of Jesus

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, JUNE 6

10:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Handbells

MONDAY, JUNE 7

Deadline for Nut Orders and Vow Renewal

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

7PM Bible Study in Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

7PM Consistory in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

9AM Peanut Making in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 13

10:00AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Renewal of Vows as well as offering for OCWM. Join us for a light social in Fellowship Hall to honor those renewing their vows.





GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!
Mark your calendars! Orders will be due on Monday June 7th. We will be preparing nuts on Saturday June 12th and Monday June 14th. We will start working @ 9am both days. This will probably be the last time we are making nuts so you may want to stock up. Peanuts are \$3. Cashews and Almonds are \$5. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time)

Thank you for your donations to Strengthen the Church envelopes are provided in the back.

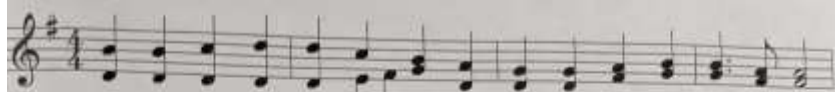
Pastor Todd will have a Bible Study in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday evenings at 7pm beginning June 8. All are Welcome!

The offering for Our Churches Wider Mission will be received on Sunday, June 13. An envelope is provided in your offering box.

Couples are invited to register for the Renewal of Vows which will be held during worship on June 13. Please call the office with your names and anniversary date by Monday June 7. We will celebrate after the service with light refreshments.

We have collected \$246.53 for our Joyful Noise to be sent to the Tunnels 2 Towers organization. We will continue to collect until June 13th. Please contribute if you are able.

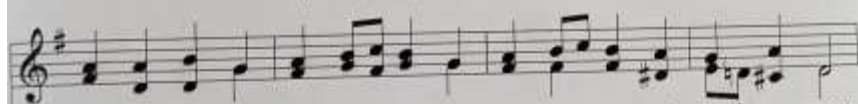
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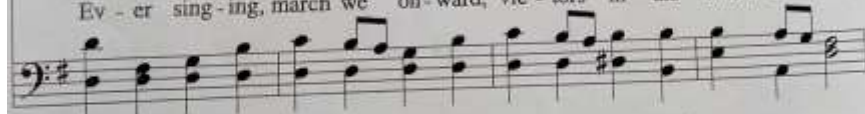
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



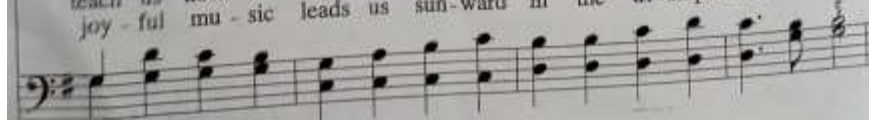
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



O Word of God Incarnate

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1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church, from her dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine,
3 O make your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
teach us, your wan - dering pil - grims, by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age -
'mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, we see you face to face!

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