

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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July 11, 2021 7<sup>th</sup> 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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July 11, 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**)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Jubilate" ...D. Wagner Handbell Choir

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

**People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.**

Leader: We are here because we want to be God's people.

**People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.**

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

**All: Let us open our hearts to the moving of the spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN: # 142 Sing Praise to the Father

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Eternal Source of life, be with us this day as we seek to open ourselves to Your love and Your wholeness. Be open with us as we set aside our everyday worries and concerns and concentrate on Your forgiveness and loving-kindness. Create in us anew a sense of meaning and purpose, in the spirit of the 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): #652 This Is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 85: 8-16

Ephesians 1: 3-14

\*Luke 11: 1-13

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "Prayer Points"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ...arr. D. Wagner Handbell Choir

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #687 All Things Are Yours! vs. 1  
**All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you. And so, we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Holy God, You are the maker of heaven and earth. Accept these offerings we present to You today. May they become vessels of support for Your work in this**

**place and in Your world. Consecrate us anew to Your service, in Jesus' name we pray. 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: #48 Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #395 The Bond of Love

**We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.**

POSTLUDE

***Our worship ends, our service begins!***



As per the Consistory decision, if you are fully vaccinated, you may refrain from wearing masks for worship, meetings and fellowship at Bethany. You may still choose to wear a mask and there is no judgement.

FLOWERS are presented in honor of Judy and George Morgan's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May God's love enrich and continue to bless your lives together. Linda Hollabaugh BULLETINS are in honor of Judy and George Morgan's 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

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

LAY READER: Sue Wright

## Scriptures

### Psalm 85: 8-13 NRSV

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

<sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.

### Ephesians 1: 3-14 NRSV

#### Spiritual Blessings in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in  
the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before  
the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before

him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## **Luke 11: 1-13 NRSV**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

## Perseverance in Prayer

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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](mailto: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.

**Today is the final day to order and pay for tickets to the Iron Pigs game on August 7<sup>th</sup>, see Cory Tancin or call Gail Correll at 610-759-7135.**

If you are interested in learning yoga, please contact the office. If we are able to interest enough people to sign up, we have a member who is willing to lead us. Everyone is welcome!

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

### **TODAY SUNDAY, JULY 11**

10:00AM      Worship in Fellowship Hall with Handbells

### **MONDAY, JULY 12**

7PM      Stewardship Committee in Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY, JULY 13**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

No Handbell Rehearsal

### **NEXT SUNDAY JULY 18**

10:00AM      Worship in Fellowship Hall

## **UPDATES DUE BY JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> for the DIRECTORY**

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 gets lost in translation.

## Sing Praise to the Father

1 Sing praise to the Fa-ther, Cre-a-tor and King, whose mer-cy has  
 2 Sing praise to the Sav-ior, Re-deem-er and Friend, for grace past all  
 3 Sing praise to the Spir-it, the gift of God's love, who quick-ens our  
 4 Sing praise to the Fa-ther, sing praise to the Son, sing praise to the

taught us a new song to sing; who made us, and loved us tho'  
 tell-ing, for love with-out end; who stripped off his glo-ry, put  
 hearts with new life from a-bove, who wons us, sub-dues us, and  
 Spir-it, great God Three in One; the God of sal-va-tion, of

reb-els and lost, and planned our re-demp-tion at in-fi-nite cost,  
 on mor-tal sin, and died in our stead, full a-tone-ment to win,  
 seals us his own, and fault-less pre-sents us be-fore the White Throne,  
 glo-ry, of grace, who wrought our re-demp-tion—my soul, sing his praise!

*Refrain*

Bless the Lord, bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul, for the grace that re-

deems, for the love that makes whole; O come and a - dore him, his

glo - ries pro - claim, and wor - ship be - fore him—the Lord is his name!

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.



## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 48

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.