

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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July 18, 2021 8th 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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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: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy...Dutch melody arr. R. Blake

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is good in ways beyond believing.

People: If we come to God honestly and openly, He claims us as His own.

Leader: As we begin our worship.

**People: Let us long to be filled by the Spirit of Christ.
Amen.**

*HYMN: # 655 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O Christ, Living Bread, from the world with its abundance which does not satisfy our hunger, we turn to You. O Christ, Living Water, from the world with its floods which do not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. Gather up the broken fragments of our lives and make us whole again, that we may live to Your glory, and be Your servants in the world. 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

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Ephesians 2: 11-22

*Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Satisfied with Leftovers"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Glory to His Name...J. Stockton/M. Jordan

*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: #647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

*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.

Deadline for Beeline Articles is tomorrow July 19th.

FLOWERS are presented by Len and Rebecca Kesselring
BULLETINS are presented by Len and Rebecca Kesselring
GREETERS: Cindy Beck
USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Corey Tancin and Volunteers
LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

Scriptures

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 NRSV

Restoration after Exile

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The Righteous Branch of David

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Ephesians 2: 11-22 NRSV

One in Christ

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 NRSV

Feeding the Five Thousand

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and

arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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.

How would you like to see that our little library is kept stocked and neat? We have plenty of books, we just need someone to check on it weekly to ensure that there are enough books and that there is a mix of both children and adults. Contact the office if you are interested.

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! We currently have 6 people interested

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, JULY 18

10:00AM Worship in Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 20

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

6:30PM Woodwind Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY JULY 25

10:00AM Worship in Fellowship Hall with Communion

UPDATES DUE BY JULY 19TH 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.

Sponsor a Bill

This is a program that was started a few years ago. Sometimes when you contribute to an organization you wonder where your money is going. With this program you are able to pick a bill and know that the money you give is helping with that specific item. You may choose something that is paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly depending on how much you are able to give. We will be highlighting a few bills each month to give you some suggestions but feel free to contact the office if you have something else in mind. Here are a few suggestions for this month.

Piano Tuning \$105

Postage Stamps \$55/100

Trash Removal \$84/quarter

Hey Bethany Family,

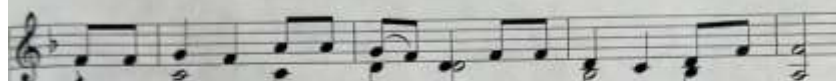
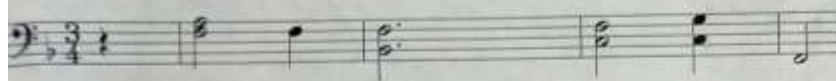
It's time to have some fun together. Dick Roberts is offering to MC an old-time sock hop type event – music from the 50's with some current stuff, games, prizes even karaoke. The proposed date is Saturday, July 31st. Are you in? Please RSVP to the office. We need 20+ to make it happen.

Come Away from Rush and Hurry 655

Unison



- 1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's peace;
- 2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul.
- 3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens—life's con - fu - sions, fears and pain.



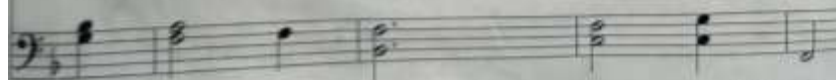
from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.
Leave them at the cross of Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.



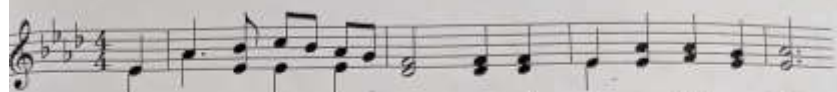
Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace;
At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—he a - lone will sat - is - fy.



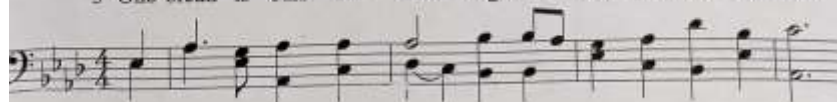
come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.
With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
All our long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.



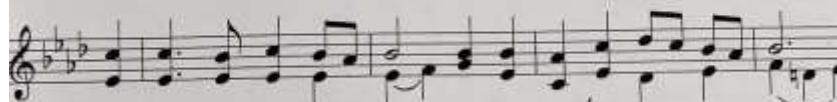
We Come as Guests Invited 702



1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,



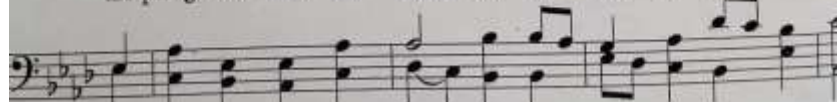
his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:



the bread of life is bro - ken, the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,



for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord,
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend,
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.



WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)
 MUSIC: Johann Steurlin (1546-1613)

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIß
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