

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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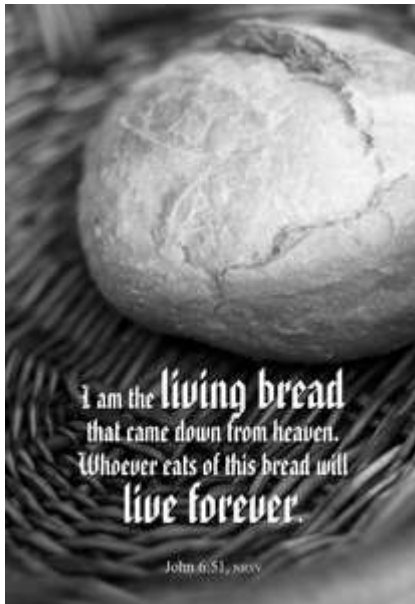
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August 8, 2021 11th Sunday after Pentecost

“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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August 8, 2021

10:00 AM

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: Pastorale – C. Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

P: We have come seeking comfort, inspiration, community, and insight.

L: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God's presence in our midst.

All: We have come to offer up the seasons and the turnings in our lives, and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

*HYMN: #87 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, we thank You for all the good things with which You fill our lives, but most of all Your saving love in Jesus Christ. Help us to be Your people in the world, in our labor and in our leisure, in spirit and in truth. Bless this hour of worship, 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): #661 All

People That on Earth Do Dwell. Vs. 1

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; him serve with joy, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 34: 1-8

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5:2

* John 6: 41-51

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Holy Bread for Holy Hunger”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Air – J. Battishill

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #579 This Is a Time to Remember. Vs. 3

This is a time to remember the greatness of the Lord; he has so faithfully led us as promised in his Word; he has so bountifully given his grace like freshening rain; he has so lovingly pardoned and made us whole again.

*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: #96 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #747 Go with Us, Lord
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

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 in Honor of Gail and David Correll's 2nd Wedding Anniversary.

BULLETINS are in honor of all our many musicians here at Bethany by Anne & Walter Williams

GREETERS: Judy and George Morgan

USHERS: Corey Tancin, Lisa Williams and Volunteers

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

Scriptures

Psalm 34: 1 - 8 NRSV

Psalm 34

Praise for Deliverance from Trouble

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2 NRSV

Rules for the New Life

- ²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.
- ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves

must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5 ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live-in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

John 6: 41 – 51 NRSV

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00AM Worship in Fellowship Hall with Walter Williams as Guest Pianist. Martellucci's Gift cards for sale, see Margy!

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

9:30AM – 1:30PM Office hours

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours
No Bible Study in Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

No Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours
7PM Consistory Meeting in FH

NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 15

10:00AM Worship in Fellowship Hall

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Sunday September 12. This year we are having an indoor picnic here at Bethany. Since our usual sites are completely booked, we decided to have our picnic indoors where we won't have to worry about the weather or bugs. We will have our service then picnic/potluck. Please sign up with how many are coming and what you will bring. Hot Dogs will be provided. We would like to know if you are interested in staying for some additional games and or entertainment. Let us know about that as well.



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.

Case of Copy Paper \$35

Trash Removal \$84/quarter

Thank you to everyone who has stepped up! We have three sets of stamps paid for as well as the piano tuning. What a great response, thank you all.

Here are a few more ideas. When the charge is monthly, please understand you are not committing to this each month, you are just going to cover one month's fee.

The Newsletter Newsletter \$84.00/annual subscription. I use this to add pictures to the bulletin and the Beeline a great resource I'd be lost without it.

Times News Church Listings \$27.00 per month

Pest Control \$84.00 per month

Phone/Internet \$112.07 per month

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

Thank you, Walter Williams, for sharing your music with us today!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 96

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, he sets the pris-oner free;
5 To God all glo-ry, praise, and love be now and ev-er given

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread thro' all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the Church in earth and heaven.



