

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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“Good
Teacher,
what must I do to
inherit
eternal life?”

Mark 10:17



October 10, 2021 Twentieth 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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October 10, 2021

10:45 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. As per the Consistory decision, we will return to wearing masks for all services and meetings here at Bethany. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes when appropriate.

**(*) PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Where He Leads Me" ...Norris, arr. L. Smith
Two Pianos 4 Hands

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: What right have we to invoke God's name on what we say and do here together?

P: In Christ we have been called to be God's people, and given God's Spirit and Word.

L: Have we the courage to worship in spirit and in truth, knowing it may change us?

P: We have come to seek to find, and to be found, with confidence not in ourselves but in God. Let us worship God!

HYMN: #345 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Gracious God, we thank You for all the good things with which You fill our lives, but most of all for the vision of peace and justice and freedom in Christ that draws us into the future. May we be Your people in the world, in word and in deed, in spirit and in truth. Grant that we

may not be play-actors, but people who show we truly care, like Jesus, whose life was love. 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): #344 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus vs.1& 2*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus - no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me - no turning back, no turning back.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 90

Hebrews 4:12-16

*Mark 10: 17-31

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "What Makes the World Go Round?"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Come Now and Follow Me" ...Price/Besig
Chancel Choir Pastor Todd on Trombone

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #687 All Things Are Yours!
Vs. 3&4*

O what a joy to give and then, out of compassion, give again. You have no needs. Though that be true, the gifts we share are given to you.

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)**

God of Justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world.

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: #474 I Surrender All

Vs1, Refrain

Vs. 2 & vs. 3

Vs. 4, Refrain

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: #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.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: are presented in honor of the ordination of Patty Hoyt by the Chancel and Handbell Choirs.

BULLETINS: are presented by John Talijan

GREETERS: Cindy Beck

USHERS: Tom Wright, Cindy Beck, Volunteers

LAY READER: Barbara Reiniger

Scriptures

Psalm 90 NRSV

God's Eternity and Human Frailty

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place^[a]
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You turn us^[b] back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

- ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath;
our years come to an end^[c] like a sigh.
- ¹⁰ The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span^[c] is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger?
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.
- ¹² So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
- ¹³ Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
- ¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵ Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
- ¹⁶ Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- ¹⁷ Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

Hebrews 4: 12 - 16 NRSV

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested^[a] as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need

Mark 10: 17 - 31 NRSV

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were

greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

LAITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Pastor Todd is looking for 3 – 5 members of Bethany to share reflections on the chosen topic: God in my life. Let him know if you will be among the speakers ASAP.

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. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

Thank You

A big thank you to my Bethany family. I am truly grateful for your generosity to the Maxwell James Oskam Foundation. We raised over \$400.00 to help fight pediatric cancer and to raise awareness. Again, thank you so much.

Wendy Glassic

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:30AM Adult Bible Class
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00PM Patty Hoyt's Ordination @ Trinity UCC, 1990
Route 212, Quakertown, PA 18951

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:30AM – 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

No Handbell Rehearsal
No Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours
10-11AM Visitation for Brenda Stetler
11AM Memorial Service for Brenda Stetler

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 Laity Sunday

9:30AM Adult Bible Class
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Bethlehem has announced that there will be a trick or treat night from 6 - 8 P on Friday, October 29. Donations of candy and/or bottled water can be brought to Bethany. There is a wash basket in the vestibule for your items



Patty Hoyt's Ordination

Today is Patty Hoyt's Ordination. This event is being celebrated at Trinity UCC, 1990 Route 212, Quakertown, PA 18951, where Patty currently preaches. We are all invited to celebrate this special day with her. Weather permitting the service will be held outside so dress accordingly. Both the handbell and chancel choirs will be participating in the service and are to report @ 2:30. Baked goods would be welcomed for the festivities afterward. Thank you for your contributions to Patty's gift.

Thank you to Rebecca Kesselring and Pastor Todd Fennell for sharing their musical talents with us today.

HOMEWORK for LAITY SUNDAY

PEN PROCLAMATIONS: Pastor Todd will come around with a microphone to receive testimonies, reflections and stories on the topic "God In My Life". Think about your participation in this.

CHOCOLATES ON BROADWAY

We will again be selling candy from Chocolates on Broadway for Christmas this year. as soon as their brochures are back from the printer they will send them to us and we will take orders until Sunday November 28th with delivery on Sunday December 12th. Remember this is a great fundraiser for the church and yummy for us.

345 Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

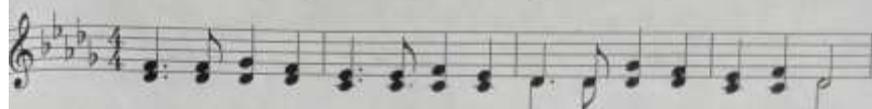
1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

I Surrender All

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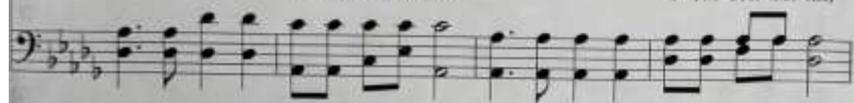
- 1 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4 All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;



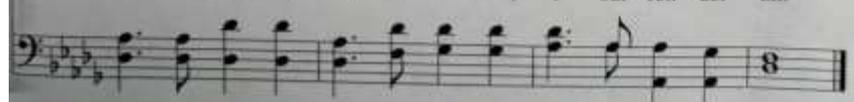
I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

*Refrain*

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.



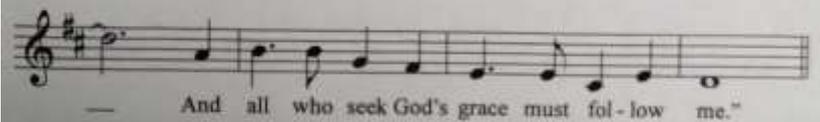
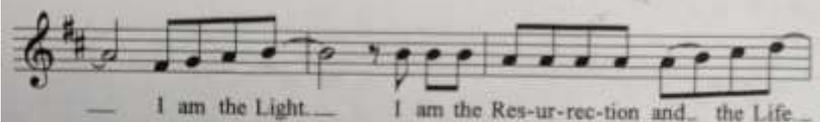
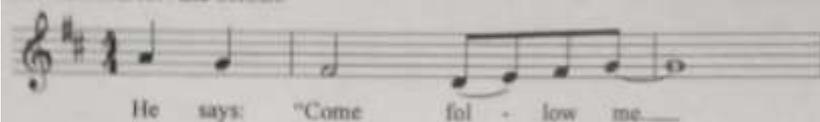
*written for the Choir and Congregation of
Bethany Lutheran Church (West Hartford, CT)
in memory of G. Donald Geckler*

COME NOW AND FOLLOW ME

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and NANCY PRICE (ASCAP)

Music by
DON BESIG (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION and CHOIR:



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