

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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October 17, 2021 Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Laity 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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October 17, 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: "Ode to Joy" arr. By Julie A. Lind
Piano - Cindy Cressman

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Here in this place, we see God at work in our midst.

P: May the Lord's name be praised!

L: We see God also in our world with all of its beauty and in all of its troubles.

P: But God is our refuge and strength and comfort. Let us worship God!

HYMN: #583 You Call Us, Lord

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Lord, help us to see You and to find You. You know where we are and how we are. You know what we need. Reveal Your will and purpose that we might respond with faith and vision and boldness. Bless this home of worship, in the name Jesus and by the power of Your Holy Spirit. 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): #576 Make Me
A Servant

**Make me a servant, humble and meek. Lord, let me lift
up those who are weak; and may the prayer of my heart
always be: make me a servant, make me a servant, make
me a servant today.**

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104: 1-13

Hebrews 5: 1-10

*Mark 10: 35-45

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

PEW PROCLAMATIONS: God in My Life Stories

Pastor Todd will come around with the microphone.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Bought with a Price" ...N. Sleeth
Chancel 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)

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 – A Litany of Creation and Faith

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: #588 A Charge to Keep I Have

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 placed to honor the Glory of God by Len & Rebecca Kesselring

BULLETINS: are presented by John Talijan

GREETERS: Kath Knoll & Gail Correll

USHERS: Kathy & John Knoll, Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Gail Correll

Scriptures

Psalm 104: 1-13 NRSV

God the Creator and Provider

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

³ you set the beams of your^[a] chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your^[b] chariot,

you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴ you make the winds your^[c] messengers,

fire and flame your^[d] ministers.

⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys

to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,

so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰ You make springs gush forth in the valleys;

they flow between the hills,

¹¹ giving drink to every wild animal;

the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹² By the streams^[a] the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

¹³ From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Hebrews 5: 1-10 NRSV

⁵ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus^[a] offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10: 35-45 NRSV

The Request of James and John

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 Laity Sunday

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Office Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 24

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



November Nut Sale

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

Mark your calendars! Orders are due on November 1st with nut preparation on November 6th and 8th. We sell Almonds \$5, Cashews \$5, and Peanuts \$3. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM til ? (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 9 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays.

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.

You Call Us, Lord

1 You call us, Lord, to be a peo - ple set a - part,
 2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neigh - bor too,
 3 You call us, Lord, to be good stew - ards of the earth,
 4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to feel with thought - ful mind and think with ten - der heart,
 to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do,
 to tend it as a place of bless - ed - ness and worth,
 to know we best re - ceive when joy - ful - ly we give.

Refrain

Thus cho - sen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your

un - fail - ing grace to make us e - qual to the task.

WORDS: Jane Marshall (1924.)

From – “Reaching for Rainbows” by Ann
Weems

A LITANY
OF CREATION AND FAITH

Minister: In times to come, your children will ask you:
“Why did the Lord our God ask us to obey these
laws?”

People: We will tell our children:
Once we were slave people
And now we are free.
Once we were no people
And now we are God’s people.

Minister: On that first morning
God called us.

People: God called us from nothing.

Minister: Out of nothing came being.

People: Out of darkness came light.

Minister: Out of chaos came order.

People: Out of nothing came life.

Minister: On that first morning God called us.

People: This morning God calls us
To be the people of faith in the midst
Of meaninglessness.

Minister: In the midst of meaninglessness

People: God calls us to meaning.

Minister: Out of brokenness

People: God calls us to wholeness.

Minister: Out of divisiveness

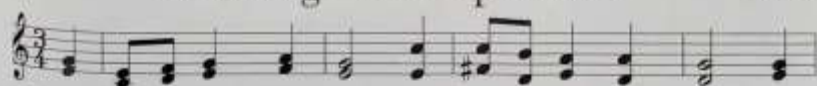
People: God calls us to community.

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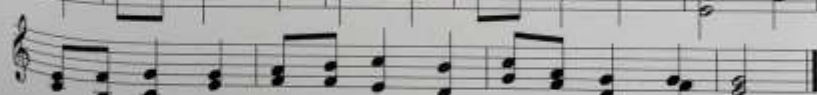
Minister: Out of tears
 People: God calls us to laughter.
 Minister: Out of self-centeredness
 People: God calls us to love one another.
 Minister: Out of unfaithfulness
 People: God calls us to faith.
 Minister: Out of death
 People: God calls us to life.
 Minister: And we will say to our children:
 People: Come with us and worship God,
 Who has created and is creating in our midst.
 Come with us and keep covenant.
 Minister: In times to come
 We will tell our children:
 People: Once we were slaves
 But now we are free;
 Once we were no people
 But now we are God's people.
 Minister: Out of death to resurrection,
 Out of chaos to rebirth,
 Out of unfaithfulness to faith—
 People: Praise God for these wondrous gifts!

A Charge to Keep I Have

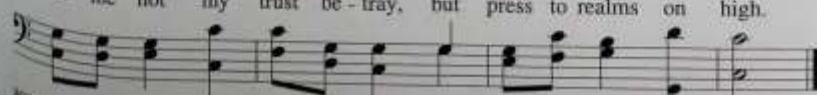
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1 A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy, a
 2 To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill, O
 3 Arm me with watch - ful care as in thy sight to live, and
 4 Help me to watch and pray, and still on thee re - ly, O



nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.
 may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!
 now thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!
 let me not my trust be - tray, but press to realms on high.



WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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