

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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October 3, 2021 Worldwide Communion

“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 3, 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: "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" ...P.
Kretzschmar

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: On this day we gather in oneness with our brothers and sisters to celebrate God's gifts.

P: We hear the call to rekindle our spirits and to receive strength for our common tasks.

L: On this day we share the bread and cup, which are symbols of God's Grace, Power and Love.

P: We open our hearts to accept these gifts, seeking the grace to walk in God's ways. Let us worship God!

HYMN: #603 In Christ There Is No East or West

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We give thanks, Merciful God, that in Christ You seek to unite all things in heaven and in earth and to reconcile all people to one another and to You. Yes, we confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that

we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with Your Spirit of unity. Hear now our silent, personal petition of our hearts.....

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #706 I Come with Joy vs. 4**

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Mark 10: 2-16

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "From God's Hands to Ours"

OFFERING INVITATION

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS including
Neighbors in Need**

**OFFERTORY: "Come Share this Feast of Love" ... L. Larsen
Chancel Choir**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #34 Praise God from Whom All
Blessings Flow**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (back page)

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: #595 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: #706 I Come with Joy vs.5
Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: are presented in honor of the children in my life, both family and friends. Thank you for the joy you add to my life! Mom, Nana, DJB, Aunt Debbie

BULLETINS: are presented by John Talijan

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Consistory Members

LAY READER: Beverly Rumble

Scriptures

Psalm 8 NRSV

Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hebrews 1: 1 – 4, 2: 5 - 12 NRSV

God Has Spoken by His Son

¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Exaltation through Abasement

⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ It was fitting that God for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make

the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Mark 10: 2 - 16 NRSV

² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵ But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



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

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.

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.

Patty Hoyt's Ordination

Sunday October 10th 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. Remember that we are collecting for Patty's gift until Wednesday October 6th.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 Worldwide Communion

10:45AM Worship in Sanctuary with Communion and
Neighbors in Need offering

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30AM – 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours
7PM Stewardship Meeting in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

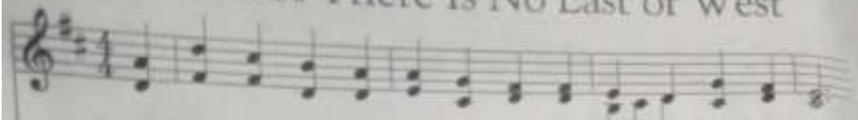
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary
3:00PM Patty Hoyt's Ordination @ Trinity UCC, 1990
Route 212, Quakertown, PA 18951.

Thank You

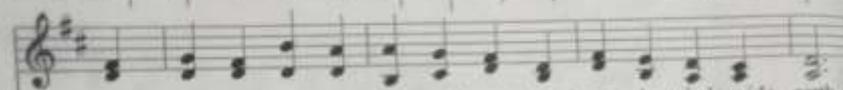
A big thank you to my Bethany family. I am truly grateful for your generosity to the Maxwell James Oskam Foundation. We raised over \$400.00 to help fight pediatric cancer and to raise awareness. Again, thank you so much.

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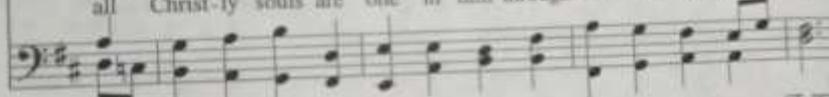
603 In Christ There Is No East or West



- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In him shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-man-ion find,
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be!
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north.



but one great fel-low-ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his serv-ice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as his child is sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.



WORDS: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

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They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

An Order for Communion

Invitation:

M: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

C: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Call to Prayer:

M: God be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to God.

M: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution:

Congregational Response: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know You as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison):

We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

