

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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“Follow me,
and I will
make you fish
for people.”

Matthew 4:19, NRSV



February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

“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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February 6, 2022

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: "Sonata" from Der Getreue Musikmeister (1728)
...G.P. Telemann Flute - Meghann Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, gather together like those who sat at Jesus' feet so many years ago.

P: We gather with expectation, for we want to be disciples of Christ.

L: I tell you, Christ is here with us, calling us now to life and love.

P: Let us praise God for bringing us together, and coming to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN: #345 Jesus calls Us O'er the Tumult

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Gracious God, we can hardly believe that You have given us life and salvation as a free gift in Jesus Christ. We confess that we continually try to carry the burden of sin and salvation as a free gift in Jesus Christ. We

confess that we continually try to carry the burden of sin and salvation on our own shoulders, rather than trusting Your forgiveness and seeking new life in Your Spirit. Help us to place our trust in You, and to accept the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*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

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

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 138

I Corinthians 15: 1-11

* Luke 5: 1-11

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Nets on the Beach, Gold on the Ice"

APOSTLES CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; he was crucified, died, and was buried. He went to the dead. On the third day he rose again, entered into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the

dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life eternal. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Do You Know My Jesus?" ... Traditional, arr.
D. N. Johnson Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #44 Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, you 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.

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: #458 O Jesus I Have Promised

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #344 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus vs.2

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.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: are in honor of Amy Lin Hendricks, who performed last night at Carnegie Hall, by her proud family.

BULLETINS: In honor of great-grandson Carter Kihel 4th Birthday by Gigi & Pop-pop Judy & George Morgan.

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Tom Wright, Steve Tarasuk

LAY READER: Bill Rumble

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.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent.

Scriptures

Psalm 138 NRSV

Thanksgiving and Praise Of David.

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

I Corinthians 15: 1 - 11 NRSV

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being

saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5: 1 – 11 NRSV

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.⁷ So they

signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.



Many thanks for your Joyful Noise offering of \$179.53 to benefit the Disaster Relief Fund in the Penn Northeast Conference. You May continue to make your gifts until Sunday Feb. 13th.



Next Sunday, February 13th as our Joyful Noise for February you are invited to bring offerings of canned soup and/or monetary donations to help those in need. Pick up some soup while you are stocking up on snacks to watch the LA Rams play the Cincinnati Bengals.

Dart Baseball is Back

The Bethlehem Interchurch dart league is having a season. Have you ever wondered about the doors in fellowship hall that are on the wall? That is our dart Baseball board. Our matches are on Monday nights at Bethany and other churches in the city. It is a get together for fun and fellowship with a little bit of competition. Our Bethany team has a new Captain/Manager this year so if you have any questions contact Steve Tarasuk, (610) 554-0125 (call or text), steve.tarasuk@gmail.com. The schedule has been posted in the Narthex.

Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

As the weather grows colder, we need to remember those who have no home and rely on the shelter for a place to stay and a warm meal. Bethany has signed up to provide and serve a meal on Friday February 11 and Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people each night so please let Wendy Glassic or the office know if you are willing to help. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Donations are welcome to offset the cost of the food. Please see Wendy Glassic or leave it in the office.

UPCOMING EVENT!

A Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potato Patties, Juice & Coffee) will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sat. Feb. 19 with seating's @ 9am & 10 am. Tickets of \$7.00 are available to purchase please see Bev Rumble. Donations toward expenses are always appreciated.

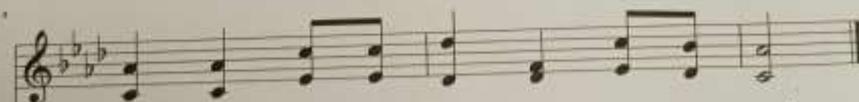
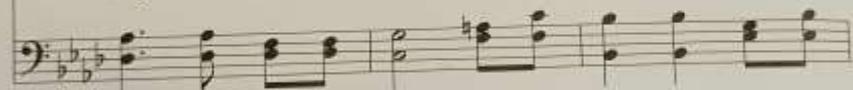
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1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



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.



O Jesus, I Have Promised

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1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that



main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
 above the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
 where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,



shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
 Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O



wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30AM Adult Class in Fellowship Hall “Unshakable
Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God”
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours
7PM Dart Baseball @ Bethany vs. Trinity UCC

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:30PM Handbell Choir
7PM Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:30AM Adult Class in Fellowship Hall “Unshakable
Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God”
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Joyful Noise for
“Souper Bowl” Sunday. Your donations of both canned
soups and cash will go to help those in need.

**As part of our outreach to provide a meal for the
Bethlehem Emergency Shelter we will be preparing a
meal for the guests of the shelter on Feb. 11. To help us
with this endeavor we would appreciate monetary
donations to cover the cost of the food as well as baked
goods for dessert. Please drop off your baked goods on
either Wednesday night from 5:30-8 or Thursday
morning from 9:30-1:30.**