

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

## **“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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March 20, 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, masks are optional 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

JOYFUL NOISE – Alzheimer Research

PRELUDE: “God So Loved the World “...J. Stainer, arr.  
Wyrzten/Hustad  
Piano/ Organ duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the Season of Lent, a season to remember Jesus’ question, “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?”

**P: A season to ask ourselves how we, like Simon the Cyrene, might help to bear the cross. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN: #409. God of Our Life

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Amazing Lord, Creator of ourselves and of our world, we thank You that You reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank You that You have shown Yourself in Christ, who shared our human life, walking the path of obedience all the way to the cross. May we also die to ourselves and live for the world, through the empowerment of Your 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): #491 Open  
Our Eyes

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out  
and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears,  
Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we  
want to see Jesus.**

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 63: 1 - 8

I Chronicles 29: 10 - 12

\* Luke 11: 1 - 4

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "On Earth as it is in Heaven"

Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Lord Jesus, Think on Me". arr. D. Wagner  
Chancel Choir

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: Savior Thy Dying Love

**Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me, Nor should I  
ought withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee; In love my soul  
would bow, my heart fulfils its vow, Some offering  
brings Thee now, Something for Thee.**

\*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: #462 Renew Your Church

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Day by Day

**Day by day, Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray; To see thee more clearly, Love thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly, Day by day.**

POSTLUDE

***Our worship ends, our service begins!***



FLOWERS: are presented to honor the Glory of God by Len & Rebecca Kesselring.

BULLETINS: are presented in loving memory of parents Gladys and w. Howard Bowen who would have celebrated their 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 13<sup>th</sup> by George & Judy Morgan.

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Lisa Williams, Corey Tancin

LAY READER: Len Kesselring

**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](mailto: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 63: 1 - 8 NRSV**

#### **Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence**

**A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.**

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

beholding your power and glory.  
<sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
<sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
<sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
<sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
<sup>7</sup> for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.  
<sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

## **I Chronicles 29: 10 - 13 NRSV**

### **David's Praise to God**

<sup>10</sup> Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

**Thank You for joining us today**

**Rev Allan Kramer-Moyer is a retired UCC pastor, retired 11 years ago as Director of Pastoral Care at Phoebe Ministries. He and his wife, Nancy, are members of St John's UCC in Allentown.**

## Luke 11: 1 - 4 NRSV

### The Lord's Prayer

11 He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

### Joyful Noise

Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for collection will be at the Joyful Noise offering on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our gifts will once again be matched (doubled) by an anonymous donor. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany Church. Checks need to be made out to Bethany UCC with Alzheimer's written in the memo. Bethany will send one check to the organization. Thank you in advance for your most generous donations. Any questions can be directed to Sue Wright.

P.S. If you are not able to be in attendance on March 20<sup>th</sup> your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office. Good News! The deadline has been extended. We will accept donations through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Nuts!**

**We're going to sell nuts for Easter and need all the help we can get. By popular demand we will sell, Peanuts for \$3 a bag, Cashews and Almonds for \$5 a bag. Orders will be taken until March 28<sup>th</sup>. We will then prepare the nuts on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and block out this time to help Bethany continue the long tradition of fellowship while we raise funds to help our church. If you are not able to help, please consider placing an order. As you all know we had decided to end the Nut sales due to low numbers of helpers. When outside folks heard about this they offered to come and help so they would be able to continue purchasing our delicious nuts. Due to this offer of help we decided to try and have four sales this year. One for Easter, in June, for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. Hopefully this will give you enough time to block out some time to help. See you in Fellowship Hall!**

### **New Members**

We will have new members joining Bethany on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Interested? See Pastor Todd

### **Easter Flowers**

**Easter Flowers will be available to order starting now. We will be ordering from Cierech Greenhouses. Since the poinsettias we ordered were beautiful I look forward to enjoying the daffodils, tulips and mums we decorate the altar with on Easter Sunday. The flowers will be \$10 each. Order forms will be in the back of the sanctuary.**

# THANKS FOR GIVING

Thank you to everyone who helped with the meal at the shelter on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>! There were the volunteers who prepared and served the meal as well as helped with other jobs that evening. Those who donated funds to purchase food for the meal as well as those who donated baked goods for dessert.



**This week God decided it was time for Dolly Ackerman to join Him in heaven. We guess He felt the nut workers who were already there were missing her. Even though those of us who are still here are sad, we know that God will hold her in His arms and welcome her to His kingdom. We will miss her but remember her teaching us the ins and outs of nut making and how she was always there to make sure the work was done. We all remember her making the rounds with the last of the nuts encouraging us to just take a few more! As we already have lost so many of those who worked hard to keep Bethany going, we can all know that her pain and troubles are over. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers as they adjust to the “new normal” Good Bye Dolly! God Bless**

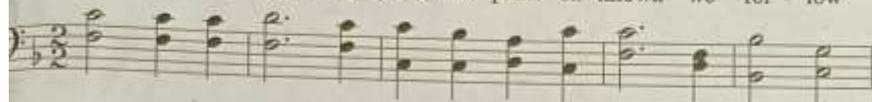
**In lieu of flowers her family requests memorials be made to Bethany UCC.**

## God of Our Life

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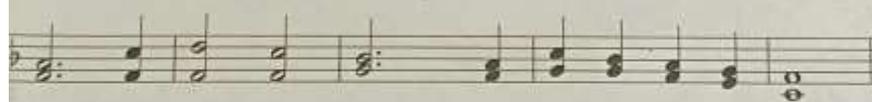
1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in  
 2 God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us a -  
 3 God of the com - ing years, thro' paths un - known we fol - low



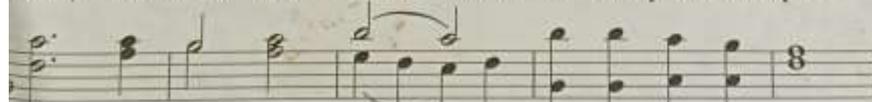
you; in all the past, through all our hopes and fears, your  
 bide. Lead us by faith to hope's true Prom-ised Land; be  
 you; when we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; our



hand we view. With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the  
 now our guide. With you to bless, the dark-ness shines as  
 faith re - new. Be now for us in life our dai - ly



veil, we own your mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.  
 light, and faith's fair vi - sion chang-es in - to sight.  
 bread, our heart's true home when all our years have sped.



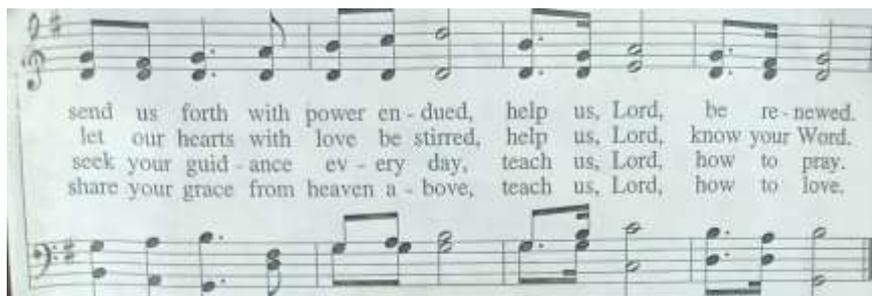
## Renew Your Church

1 Re - new your church, our min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
 2 Teach us your Word, re - veal its truth di - vine, on our path.  
 3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near, your still voice  
 4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all,

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through - out the land,  
 let it shine; tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace,  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you,  
 hu - man - kind; break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate,

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have loved us,  
 this the goal we pur - sue. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 sent your Son, and our sal - va - tion now is won, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will, and  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, O



## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### **SUNDAY, MARCH, 20**

10:45AM      Worship in the Sanctuary the Third Sunday in Lent with Rev. Allan Kramer-Moyer

### **MONDAY, MARCH 21**

9:30AM              1:30PM Office hours  
7PM                  Darts College Hill @ Bethany UCC

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

9:30AM              1:30PM Office hours

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

No rehearsals

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

9:30AM              1:30PM Office Hours

### **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH, 27**

9:30AM              Adult Bible Study  
10:45AM          Worship in the Sanctuary. We will be collecting for OGHS. Last day to order Easter Flowers.

**Don't Forget to pick up a Lenten Folder! Those quarters really add up!**