

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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March, 6 2022

First 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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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 have determined that masks are now optional 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: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" Spiritual
arr. L Kjelson Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: make me know Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.
Lead me in Thy truth and teach me,

**P: For thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait
all the day.**

L: Remember, O Lord, Thy compassion and Thy loving
kindness, for they have been from of old.

**P: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions; according to Thy loving kindness
remember Thou me, for thy goodness sake, O Lord.**

*HYMN: #244 O Love, How Deep, How Broad vs. 1,2,3

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**O God of Grace, help us to know the joy of the Gospel in
this hour of worship. Inspire our celebration; to make us
genuine witnesses of Your steadfast love. Reveal to us
our sinfulness and our need of You to redeem us**

through the life and death of Jesus Chris, our Savior and Lord. Through Him and in Him, we pray. 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 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8-13

* Luke 4: 1-13

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Nail of Pride"

MISSION MOMENT: One Great Hour of Sharing – Tim Rumble

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Be Still Jordan" ...J. Althouse
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 – LITANY AS LENT BEGINS

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: # 385 Search Me, O God**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION: #395 the Bond of Love vs.1
We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond
of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God;
we are one in the bond of love.**

POSTLUDE: Please stay for the annual meeting!

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS : are presented for the Glory of god by Len and Rebecca Kesselring.

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

LAY READER: Sue Wright

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 91 NRSV

Assurance of God's Protection

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."
⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- ¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
- ¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Romans 10: 8 - 13 NRSV

⁸ But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Luke 4: 1 - 13 NRSV

The Temptation of Jesus

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 Tuesday March 8. We need 10 – 15 people 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. We are in need of baked goods for

dessert. Please drop off donations at the church on Tuesday morning from 9:30-1:30. Thanks!

Chocolates on Broadway

Good News! The brochures and order forms have arrived for our Easter Candy sale. We will take orders from now until March 13th with delivery on April 3rd. I have order forms available for anyone who wishes to sell at work or to other groups.

Temporary Cleaner Needed

Our Cleaner Linda Trainer is having knee replacement surgery and will be unable to clean the church on March 18th and April 8th. If you are willing to step in and take care of this, please call the office or speak to Matt Miller.

New Members

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

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers will be available to order starting next week. 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.

Please Help

You may have seen on the news or heard about a house fire that was a total loss for the Reilly Family last month. Clayton

Reilly is a new Instrumental Music Teacher at Spring Garden and Hanover Elementary Schools in Bethlehem.

A "Go Fund Me" has been established to help the Reilly Family. Our Consistory approved this outreach for any of you to respond with a donation. See or email Meghann Wright for the "Go Fund Me" site to give. wright.meghann@gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:30AM Adult Class in Fellowship Hall "Unshakable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God"

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary the first Sunday in Lent. Please stay after for the annual meeting.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

7PM Darts Bethany UCC @ Fritz Wesleyan

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, MARCH, 9

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, MARCH, 13

9:30AM Adult Bible Class

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary the Second Sunday in Lent with Joyful Noise for Alzheimer's Research and Installation of Consistory

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 13th. 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 13th your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office.

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 28th. We will then prepare the nuts on Saturday April 2nd and Monday April 4th. 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!

O Love, How Deep, How Broad

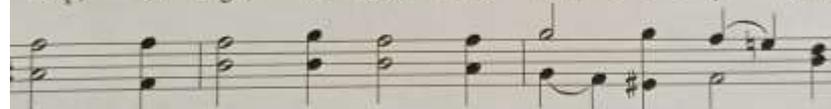
EPIPHANY 24



1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his
 4 For us to e - vil power be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



thought and fan - ta - sy; that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 deep, so high, so broad— the Trin - i - ty who



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath
 Spir - it here, to guide, to com - fort, and to cheer
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more



Search Me, O God

1 Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; try me, O
 2 I praise thee, Lord, for cleans - ing me from sin; fill my poor
 3 Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly thine; fill my poor

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick - ed
 Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
 heart with thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas - sion.

way in me; cleanse me from ev - ery sin and set me free,
 burned with shame; grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy thy name,
 self, and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord - in me a - bide.

The offering for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received on Sunday March 27. Envelopes are in today's bulletin.

Don't forget to turn your clock's ahead next week. Remember we spring forward from 2am to 3am.

Litany as Lent Begins

Leader: O God, as the days lengthen and the light grows stronger, we thank Thee for the season of Lent when we remember the depth and wonder of faith in Christ.

People: Let thy Light shine through us.

Leader: Lord God, Thou has called us to discipline and to service, to follow in the footsteps of him who serves.

People: Teach us the discipline of faith that we may be free from all that enslaves us.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, Thou didst demand that men and women turn away from former ways and deny themselves, taking up a cross to follow Thee.

People: Make us a willing to deny ourselves that we may truly be thy servants.

Leader: Spirit of God, enter our hearts and minds that we may truly be Thy servants.

People: Accept our praise for the Spirit that enable us to participate in Christ.

Leader: We recall at this time, O Lord God, how Jesus did give himself in love for us, suffering for our sakes, dying that we might live.

People: Our eyes have beheld the glory and the triumph of Christ through suffering.

Leader: We behold the cross and see gathered around that cross those who put Christ there. And, we confess our own involvement.

People: We were there, O God, involved in that dark event.

Leader: Still in wonder, Gracious God, we know that Christ went to the cross freely for our sakes taking our sins upon him and setting us free.

People: We rejoice in the light and love that come into our lives as we stand in the shadow of the cross.

Leader: The words of the prophet have been fulfilled in our time: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon him. By his Stripes we are healed."

People: We thank Thee, O God, for the freedom, the peace and the wholeness that is ours through Christ.

Leader: Take from our minds all that would keep us from focusing on Christ, who died that we might have life.

People: As he gave himself for us so we give ourselves to him in lives of love and gratitude.

All: Amen