

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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April 10, 2022

Palm 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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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

PRELUDE: "Lead Me to Calvary/ Open the Gates of the temple" ...arr. Smith/Hustad

Piano - Rebecca Kesselring Organ - Susan Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come! Come from the streets and the roads!

People: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Pastor: Come! Come from your busy homes and places of business.

People: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Pastor: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen!

*HYMN: "The Palms" ...J. Faure'

Trombone – Tim Rumble

**O'er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay,
Are strewn this day in festal preparation**

**Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.**

(Refrain)

(Refrain)

**Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with joyous acclamation,
Hosanna! Praised be the Lord!
Bless Him, who cometh to bring us salvation!**

**His word goes forth, and people by its might.
Freedom regain once more from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right.
While those in darkness are restored to light.
(Refrain)**

**Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation,
Thro' boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (Refrain)**

***PALM SUNDAY CHEER**

**INTROIT: "Antiphonal Hosanna" ...G. A. Smith
Chancel Choir**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Gracious God of love and infinite power, we praise You
for Jesus Christ, who came riding into the city of
Jerusalem on a lowly beast, victorious through love and
not by might. Help us understand His servanthood and
His suffering and move us to deeper faith and service. In
His name we pray. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #271 Lift Up
Your Heads**

Lift up your heads, to the coming King. Bow before him and adore him, sing! To his Majesty, Let your praises be pure and holy, giving glory to the King of kings.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Philippians 2: 5 - 11

* Luke 19: 28 - 40

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Nail of Indecision"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Ruth and Barry Smith,
David Hanzelman

Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the powers of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witness of our risen Savior.

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Come, Sing Hosanna" ...H. Purcell, arr.
Liebergen

Chancel Choir with Trombone

*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: #All Glory Laud and Honor” ...arr. C. Dobrinski
Handbell Choir, Percussion, Organ, Trombone – Todd Fennell**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed
One.**

**The company of angels are praising thee on high,
And mortal men and all things Created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we
present.**

To thee, before thy passion they sang their hymns of
praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we
bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious
King.

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: 267 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
“Hosanna in the highest” That ancient song we sing, for
Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King. O
May we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

POSTLUDE: Please be seated to enjoy “All Glory Laud and
Honor” ...arr. F.L. Callahan by the Handbell Choir

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETTINS: are presented to honor the
performance of Ashley Tarasuk as the Lone Piper in her final
concert at Liberty by her family.

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright

LAY READER: Debbie Brown



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.

Scriptures

Philippians 2: 5 - 11 NRSV

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Luke 19: 28 - 40 NRSV

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

²⁸ After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰ He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



Joyful Noise

Thank you for your most generous donations. We have collected \$1,346.00 which will be doubled! We look forward to hearing a speaker from The Alzheimer's Research Organization who will speak to us in June and share information on what our donations have helped them to accomplish.

Thanks

Many thanks to our Bethany musician's for providing us with the special music this morning. Your time and talents are appreciated by all.

THANKS

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this month's nut sale. We had quite a few workers from outside our Bethany family and it was great to meet and get to know them. We will do this again in June and hope you will consider joining us for fellowship as well as helping keep Bethany serving our needs.

One Great Hour of Sharing

As of this date we have received \$209. We will continue to accept donations through April 17th. Thank you for supporting this very important cause.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday is April 14 at 7 pm. We gather to remember Jesus' Last Supper and the receiving of Holy Communion.

Good Friday is April 15 at 7 pm. Pastor Todd will share stories of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark with hymns and anthems to inspire.

Easter Sunday is April 17 at 10:45. Join us as we celebrate the victory of Jesus' Resurrection and the resurrected life, He offers us.



THE CHURCH TODAY AND BETHANY

All members of Bethany are invited to a conversation with our Conference Minister Bonnie Bates on Sunday, April 24. Bonnie will be with us to preach in worship and to join us for a lunch of soup, salad and bread in Fellowship Hall. The focus of discussion will be the reality of church culture today and Bethany's future. PLEASE RSVP in the narthex for lunch arrangements and join us we address this timely topic. We currently have soup makers preparing vegetarian vegetable, chili and chicken and rice. We would welcome one more soup if you have one you would like to prepare. We are also asking the bakers here at Bethany to prepare us some delicious desserts. Please let the office know if you are willing to help.



Welcome to our New Members

Today we are blessed to welcome three new members to the Bethany family. You have already seen them participating in the life of the church but today we make them official!

First, we have Ruth Smith who is married to Barry, we'll get to him in a minute. She enjoys basket weaving, reading, baseball, gardening and bowling. She has helped at both peanuts and the shelter.

Next, we come to Barry, who is retired but keeps busy bowling, coin collecting as well as collecting sports memorabilia. You might see him at the Wind Gap flea market! They also share of love of dogs and are the proud parents of Marley a sweetheart they rescued a few years ago.

Last but not least we come to Dave Hanzelman. Dave met the Pastor when he was out and about and he invited Dave to join us. Surprise, Dave lives right down the street and he has been joining us ever since. After hearing him sing he was invited to join the choir where is a welcome member of the tenor section. He is a nurse at St. Luke's and is married to Karen. He enjoys swimming, soccer, sports, theatre and singing with the chancel choir.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

9:30AM Adult Bible Study with Oils of the Bible
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Special Music,
Palms, and Reception of New Members

MONDAY, APRIL 11

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

4PM piano/organ rehearsal
5:30PM Handbell and Organ rehearsal
6:30PM Instrumental Ensemble- please come practiced
and prepared
7PM Brass Rehearsal
7:30PM NOTE TIME CHANGE Chancel Choir with
brass at the opening of rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 14 Maundy Thursday

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours
7PM Maundy Thursday service with Communion
and music by the chancel choir.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 Good Friday

7PM Good Friday Service with music by the chancel
choir.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 17 Easter Sunday

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the
Risen Savior! We will have special music in a sanctuary
decorated with beautiful flowers! Please join us!