

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

Church Office: 610-868-4441 Fax: 610-868-7918

E-Mail: bethanyunitedchurch@rcn.com

Web address: www.uccbethany.org

Pastor Todd Fennell

Matt Miller, Consistory President

Susan Wright, Director of Music



April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday

“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.”

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 14, 2022

7 PM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

**(*) PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Near the Cross" ... w. Doane, arr. Pethel
Piano – Rebecca Kesselring Organ – Susan Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is Maundy Thursday, a night to remember.

**All: We remember the Passover that Jesus shared with
His disciples,**

Pastor: We remember Christ's new covenant of broken bread and poured cup.

**All: Tonight, we remember and we thank God for the
presence of Jesus with us then and with us now.**

*HYMN #274 "An Upper Room with Evening Lamps"

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we gather this evening hour as friends gathered with Your Son in Jerusalem long ago. We come from anonymous places, with dry and thirsty spirits. Remind us of our need and of Your sufficiency in the breaking of the bread. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Hear now, our silent confessions...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: In the cross before us, we see God's amazing love for all people.

All: In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to begin anew. Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: #484 O Lord Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

Exodus 12: 1-14

*John: 13: 12-30

Pastor: This is the Good News

ALL: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION "The Nail of Infidelity"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "In Remembrance" ... B. Red, arr. R. F. Douglas

This is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Luke 22:19

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 fulfil its vow, Some offering bring
Thee now, Something for Thee.**

*PRAYER OF RESPONSE:

Generous God whose love knows no boundaries, bless this offering, we ask. We dedicate all that we give, to your loving purpose; bringing in those who have been cast out; standing strong on behalf of those who are weak; speaking out Your Word of joy and justice for all people. May Your loving realm increase! In Jesus name. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(We are receiving the elements by Intinction. Pastor Todd will offer the bread and you will dip in the chalice of choice, wine or juice.)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

We give thanks, O God, for Your free gift of love offered this night. You have refreshed us at the table of mercy, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Now send us forth in the spirit of Christ, that we, too, may become servants to one another and the world around us. In Jesus name. Amen.

*HYMN: #338 E&R “According to Thy Gracious Word”

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE: #339 E&R “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread” vs.1

Be known to us in breaking bread, But do not then depart; savior, abide with us, and spread Thy table in our heart.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12: 1-14 NRSV

The First Passover Instituted

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt:
2 This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. 10 You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. 13 The blood

shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

John 13: 12-30 NRSV

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ¹⁸ I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But it is to fulfill the scripture, ‘The one who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.’ ¹⁹ I tell you this now, before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Very truly, I tell you, whoever receives one whom I send receives me; and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.”

Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

²¹ After saying this Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, “Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me.” ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. ²³ One of his disciples—the one whom Jesus loved—was reclining next to him; ²⁴ Simon Peter therefore

motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

Final Hymn

The Church of Christ

338 MARTYRDOM
HUGH WILSON, 1766-1824

JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1815 C. M.

Rather slowly, with dignity

1. Ac - cord - ing to Thy gra - cious word, In meek hu - mil - i - ty,
 2. Thy bod - y, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be;
 3. When to the cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Cal - va - ry,
 4. Re - mem - ber Thee, and all Thy pains, And all Thy love to me:

This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber Thee.
 Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber Thee.
 O Lamb of God, my Sac - ri - fice, I must re - mem - ber Thee;
 Yea, while a breath, a pulse re - mains, Will I re - mem - ber Thee. A - MEN.

First Hymn

HOLY WEEK

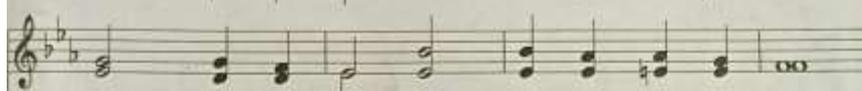
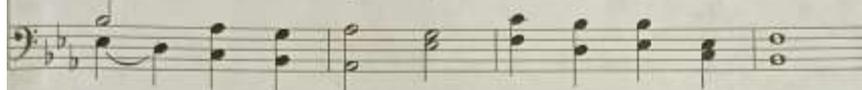
An Upper Room with Evening Lamps 274



1 An up - per room with eve - ning lamps a - shine,
2 We see by faith up - on the cross dis - played
3 Dead for our sins, yet reign - ing now a - bove,
4 So send us out, to love: and serve and praise,



the twelve dis - ci - ples, and the ta - ble spread;
his bod - y bro - ken and his blood out - poured;
still to our hearts we find his pres - ence given;
filled with his Spir - it, as the Mas - ter said:



now in our turn Christ bids us pour the wine,
in that dread robe of maj - es - ty ar - rayed
take for our - selves the pledg - es of his love,
love, joy and peace the wine of all our days,



and in re - mem - brance bless and break the bread.
we gaze in wor - ship on the dy - ing Lord.
fore - taste and to - ken of that feast in heaven.
Christ and his life our true and liv - ing bread.

