

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FIFTH SUNDAY  
*In Lent*

April 3, 2022

Fifth 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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April 3, 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

PRELUDE: "Amazing Grace" ...arr. K. Snell

Clarinet Trio – Jenna Nguyen, Ashley Tarasuk, Meghann Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: He endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain we should have borne.

**P: All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God.**

L: But because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did.

**P: We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received.**

L: All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going our own way.

**P: But the Lord made the punishment fall on Him, the punishment we all deserved.**

L: Where human strength cannot avail.

**P: God's love breaks through! Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN: #443 Trust and Obey

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Compassionate God of mercy: You sent Jesus Christ to save lost people. Judge us with love and lift the burden of our sin. Do not hold our failures against us. Hold us against Your Holy Light that in the gleam of Your healing grace our repentance may be sure, our forgiveness certain, Your never changing love secure. All this we believe and pray with faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hear now our silent confessions...(pause)...We pray in and through the redemption of Your life, given freely for us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

Isaiah 53: 1 - 10

Philippians 3: 3 - 14

\* John 12: 1 - 8

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "The Nail of Cruelty"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Beautiful Savior" ...H.S. Fry  
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: #449 Day by Day**

**\*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 and BULLETINS: are presented to honor the Glory of God by Len & Rebecca Kesselring.

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto, Lisa Williams

USHERS: Corey Tancin, Barbara Backensto

LAY READER: Rebecca 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.

## OILS OF THE BIBLE

**Jean Fennell will share a presentation on the Oils of the Bible as they relate to the Story of Jesus' last week. This will happen on Palm Sunday, April 10 in Fellowship Hall at 930. Join us for this inspiring connection to the Scriptures**

## Scriptures

### Isaiah 53: 1 - 10 NRSV

**53** Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;

he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup> Surely, he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup> They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

## Philippians 3: 3 - 14 NRSV

<sup>3</sup> For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had; these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

### Pressing toward the Goal

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## John 12: 1 - 8 NRSV

### Mary Anoints Jesus

**12** Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

### Joyful Noise

Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. 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. Good News! The deadline has been extended. We will accept donations through April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As of March 27<sup>th</sup>, we have collected \$1,186.00 which will be doubled! Let's try to beat last year's total of \$1,432.68!

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday is April 10. Join us at 10:45 as we commemorate Jesus' Ride into the Holy City of Jerusalem with cheers of Hosanna!**

**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.

### **Bethany United Church of Christ Financial Report January through March 27, 2022 03.27.22**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
<b>January 2022*</b>	<b>\$13,512.65</b>	<b>\$7,692.60</b>
<b>February 2022</b>	<b>\$5,909.36</b>	<b>\$8,293.63</b>
<b>March 2022</b>	<b>\$6,606.00</b>	<b>\$10,047.74</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,028.01</b>	<b>\$26,033.97</b>

**\* Includes Estate Distribution \$8,277.56**

## Trust and Obey

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1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a  
 2 Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our  
 3 But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til  
 4 Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll

glo - ry he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us  
 toil he will rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a  
 all on the al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows and the joy he be -  
 walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will

## Refrain

still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's  
 stows are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 go - nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.

no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

## Day by Day

**E<sub>b</sub>** **Fm7/A<sub>b</sub>** **B<sub>b</sub>**

1 Day by day and with each pass-ing mo - ment, strength I find to  
 2 Ev - ery day the Lord him - self is near me with a spe - cial  
 3 Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to trust your

**B<sub>b</sub>7** **E<sub>b</sub>** **Fm7/A<sub>b</sub>**

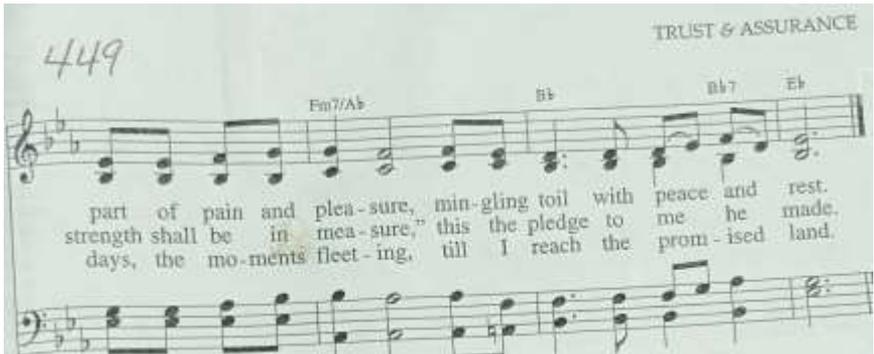
meet my tri - als here; trust-ing in my Fa - ther's wise be - stow - ment,  
 mer - cy for each hour; all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,  
 prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so - la - tion

**B<sub>b</sub>** **B<sub>b</sub>7** **E<sub>b</sub>**

I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear. He whose heart is kind be - yond all  
 he whose name is Coun - sel - or and Power. The pro - tec - tion of his child and  
 of - fered me with - in your ho - ly Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble

**A<sub>b</sub>** **B<sub>b</sub>7** **B<sub>b</sub>7/F** **B<sub>b</sub>7** **E<sub>b</sub>**

mea - sure gives un - to each day what he deems best - lov - ing - ly, its  
 trea - sure is a charge that on him - self he laid: "As your days, your  
 meet - ing, e'er to take, as from a fa - ther's hand, one by one, the



## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

9:30AM Adult Bible Study

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary. Last day to order Easter Flowers. Martellucci gift cards for sale!

### MONDAY, APRIL 4

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

9AM Nut making in Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, APRIL 5

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

No Rehearsals

### THURSDAY, APRIL 7

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

### NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10 Palm Sunday

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