

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“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: "O Death Where is Thy Sting?" ...R. Travis
Vocal and Banjo - Bob Ruhe

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is a day of gladness and joy; we remember Jesus, who welcomed all people and recognized the value of each one.

P: We are glad for Jesus, our Helper and our Friend.

L: Jesus is alive! His spirit lives in us, helping us when we are afraid or lonely or ashamed or sad.

P: Jesus shows us how much God loves us and shows us the blessedness of new life. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: #595 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God, You have prepared for those who love You, joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving You above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #291 Alleluia
**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia,
alleluia! Give thanks to his name!**

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

* John 13: 31-35

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Learning to Love”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Go Ye Into All the World” ...E. Butler
Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #688 We Give Thee but Thine
Own

**We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be: all
that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from 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: #603 In Christ There Is No East or West

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #305 He is Lord
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: are presented in honor of the 13th birthday of John Robert Lasso Jr. by his "Nana" Debbie Brown

GREETERS: Barbara Backensto & Lisa Williams

USHERS: Cindy Beck & Bob Ruhe

LAY READER: Bob Ruhe

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. Thank you, Bill, for making sure we are able to see and hear the services.

Scriptures

Psalm 148 NRSV

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created,

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

Revelation 21: 1 - 6 NRSV

A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶ He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

John 13: 31 - 35 NRSV

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ “My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

We will be selling nuts in June orders will be due by Monday June 6th and nut prep will happen on Saturday June 11th and Monday June 13th. We sell Almonds, Cashews, and Peanuts. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM-Noon (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 8 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays. Please ask your friends and family to purchase our great products and consider coming to be a helper. Peanuts \$3, Cashews & Almonds \$5

Our Daily Bread for June, July, and August are in the back of the Sanctuary. A \$1 donation is appreciated.



Happy Birthday

A little bird told me that Ted Hendricks will be turning 90 on May 24th! If you want to help him celebrate, please send cards to 808 Elm St. Bethlehem, PA 18018.

Graduates

It is time to celebrate those who are graduating this year. Whether it is from High School or College or anything else please let the office know. Include a little bit about yourself and your accomplishments. This applies to our extended Bethany family, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Let us celebrate their accomplishments. Deadline for the Beeline is May 23rd.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:30AM Adult Bible Study
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, MAY 16

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

TUESDAY, MAY 17 Election Day

Please remember to vote!

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22

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10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary

Upcoming events for your calendar

Sunday June 12th, we start our summer schedule. Services will begin at 10am. We will stay up in the sanctuary for one more week in order to celebrate the baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble!

Sunday September 11th we will have our church picnic at Louise Moore Park starting at 10:45am. We have enjoyed this location in the past and look forward to another fun day!

Sunday June 19th we will join our UCC fellow churches at Christ UCC for a joint service at 10am.

They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
 And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

603 In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-mun-ion find;
 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;



but one great fel-low-ship of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his serv-ice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as his child is sure-ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.



WORDS: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

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 WITH US