

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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May 1, 2022

Third 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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May 1, 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: "All Hail the Power" ...Holden, arr. Smith  
Piano / Organ Duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Springtime changes are bursting forth around us.

**P: The earth awakens from winter with a display of wondrous color.**

L: The cycle of living and dying continues.

**P: As it has for ages past and will for ages to come.**

L: Lent has passed and Easter Sunday is over.

**P: But the message of new life, new awakenings. And new possibilities remain with us. Glory to God! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN: #247 Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**O Risen Christ, we are grateful that You walk among us on earth, bringing life and hope. Help us to recognize Your presence in our time of worship and in our walks of life, through the gift of Your Holy Spirit. 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!**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (pg.8&9)

Solo: Masterpiece ... S. Patti Pastor Todd

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Revelation 5: 11-14

\* John 21: 1 - 19

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "Try the Other Side"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Praise to the Lamb" ...S. Pethel

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #688 We Live 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: #680 Morning Cry

\*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: The flowers on the altar have been placed by Rev. Walter Long in honor of Deborah Young’s birthday.

BULLETINS: The bulletins are placed in honor of the baptism of “Lady Jane” by a friend.

GREETERS: Gail Correll

USHERS: Gail Correll, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Gail Correll

## Celebrate

Today we celebrate and witness the Baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble, daughter of Rachel and Tim Rumble. Jane's Godparents are Chris Rumble and Kristen Fricke. Grandparents are Lynn and Jon Terry and Bev and Bill Rumble. God bless Jane always!

The flowers on one of the pedestals are in honor of the baptism and with love for Jane Catherine Rumble by her grandparents, Bev and Bill Rumble.

The second pedestal of flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Jane Catherine, upon her baptism by Jon and Lynn Terry and family.

**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.

## Scriptures

### Revelation 5: 11 - 14 NRSV

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

## **John 21: 1 - 19 NRSV**

### **Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

**21** After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,<sup>[a]</sup> Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards<sup>[b]</sup> off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so

many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

## Jesus and Peter

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”



## A Service of Baptism

**Pastor:** Dear friends, as we come to this font of water, let us recall the meaning of baptism. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**Congregation:** For by one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

**Pastor:** The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God, inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

**Congregation:** This is the water of Baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.





## Questions to the Parents/Candidates

**Pastor:** Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he/she lives and grows in Christ?

**Congregation:** We promise our love, support, and care.

**Pastor:** Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**Congregation:** I believe in God.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Congregation:** I believe in Jesus Christ.

**Pastor:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Congregation:** I believe in the Holy Spirit.

**Pastor:** Christ be with you.

**Congregation:** And also, with you.

**Pastor:** Prayer of Baptism and Act of Baptism

**Benediction -**

**Pastor:** Go in the peace of Christ.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Johann C. Schwedler, 1741  
Tr. Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1863

HENDON 7.7.7.7.  
H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Ask ye what great thing I know That de - lights and  
2. Who de - feats my fier - cest foes? Who con - soles my  
3. Who is life in life to me? Who the death of  
4. This is that great thing I know; This de - lights and

stirs me so? What the high re - ward I win? Whose the name I  
sad - dest woes? Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, Heal - ing all its  
death will be? Who will place me on his right, With the count - less  
stirs me so: Falth in him who died to save, Him who tri - umphed

glo - ry in? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
hid - den smart? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
hosts of light? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.  
o'er the grave, Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.

## Borning Cry

*Unison*

G Gmaj7 Am/G G Am/G Gmaj7 Am/G

1 I was there to hear your bor - ning cry. I'll be  
 2 When you heard the won - der of the Word I'll be  
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too

G Gmaj7 Am/O G Am/G

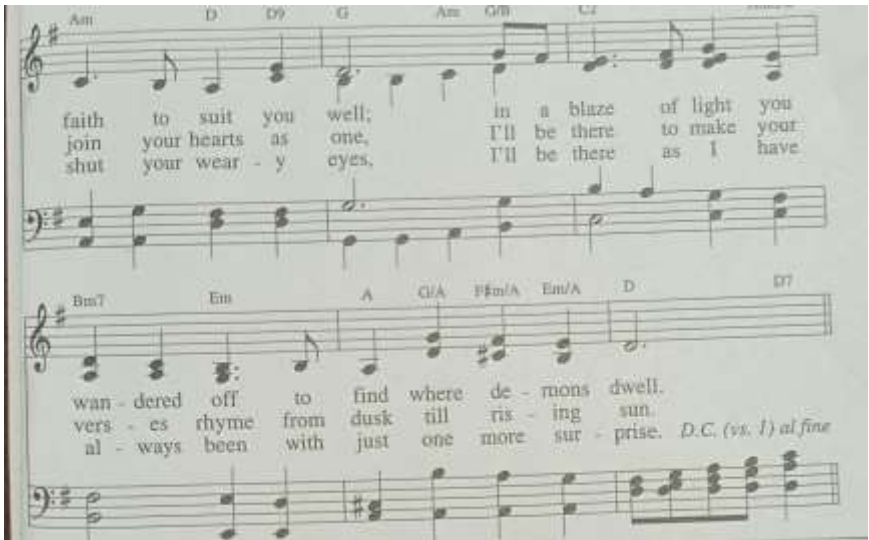
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you  
 there to cheer you on. You were raised to praise the  
 old, no long - er young. I'll be there to guide you

G Am/G G C/E Am7 D7sus D7 G (Fine)

were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 liv - ing Lord to whom you now be - long.  
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.

C G/B Am G

I was there when you were but a child with a  
 If you find some - one to share your time, and you  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you



## **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

### **SUNDAY, MAY 1**

10:45AM      Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble! There will be a celebration in Fellowship Hall after the service. All are welcome!

### **MONDAY, MAY 2**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office hours

### **TUESDAY, MAY 3**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office hours

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

No Rehearsals

### **THURSDAY, MAY 5**

9:30AM      1:30PM Office Hours

### **NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8 Mother's Day**

9:30AM      Adult Bible Study

10:45AM      Worship in the Sanctuary