

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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May 22, 2022

Sixth 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 22, 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: "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" ...arr.
Smith/Hustad Piano/organ duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us praise the God who formed mountains and created the wind.

P: Let us sing to the One who made the stars, who turns the deep darkness into morning and day into night.

L: Let us turn to God, hating what is evil and loving what is just.

All: So, may justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-lasting stream. Amen.

*HYMN: #589 O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God, in mystery and silence You are present in our lives bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank You that You do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive Your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the urging guidance of Your Spirit, that we may know the joy of being Yours. 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 67

Revelation 21: 22 - 22:5

* John 13: 31-35

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Holy Peace"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Feed My Sheep" ...arr. R. Sterling
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: #711 Savior Again to Your Dear Name

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #241 Vs 3. When Jesus Came to
Jordan

**Come Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make; this
very day invade us, and every bondage break. Come,
give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share
the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: are presented in honor of the
90th birthday of Theodore Franklin Hendricks Sr. on May 24th
by his family!

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Tom Hoffert and Len Kesselring

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

Scriptures

Psalm 67 NRSV

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—^[b]
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- ⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Revelation 21: 22 – 22: 5 NRSV

²² I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. ²³ The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their

splendor into it. ²⁵ On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Eden Restored

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

John 14: 23 - 29 NRSV

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

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

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.

Upcoming Vote

The consistory has received a bid from mason Don Sorensen for the work needed on the tower this summer. A congregational vote is needed to approve the cost of \$12,500 for this project. This vote is scheduled for Sunday June 5th at the beginning of our worship service.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, MAY 22

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

MONDAY, MAY 23

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

TUESDAY, MAY 24

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

No rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 26

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

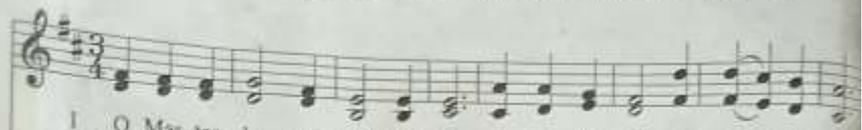
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29

9:30AM Adult Bible Study
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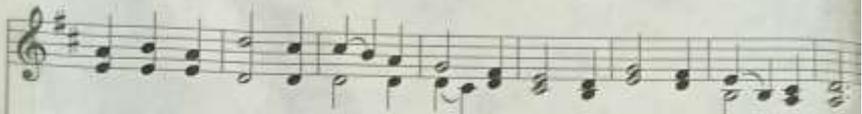
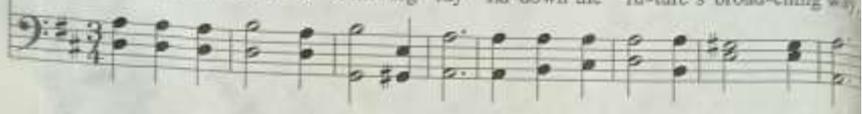
Family Night with the Iron Pigs

Next Sunday is the last day to sign up and turn in your money to purchase tickets for the June 24th game at Coca Cola Park. The Iron Pigs will host the Norfolk Tides and the game will be followed by Friday night fireworks. Tickets are \$11 which includes a \$2 ballpark credit. Any questions please call Gail Correll @ 610-759-7135 or 610-428-1312. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for additional information.

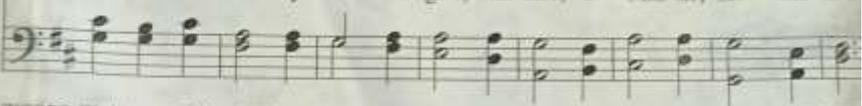
589 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee



1 O Mas-ter, let me walk with thee in low-ly paths of ser-vice free
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, win-ning word of love,
 3 Teach me thy pa-tience—still with thee in clos-er, dear-er com-pa-ny,
 4 In hope that sends a shin-ing ray far down the fu-ture's broad-en-ing way,



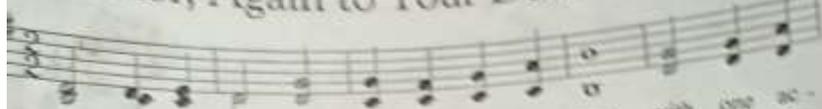
tell me thy se-cret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care,
 teach me the way-ward feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way,
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,
 in peace that on-ly thou canst give, with thee, O Mas-ter, let me live.



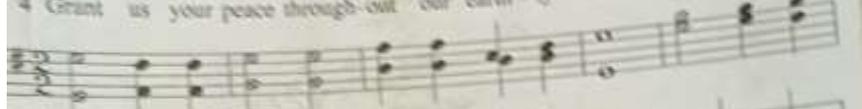
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 MUSIC: H. Percy Smith (1825-1898)

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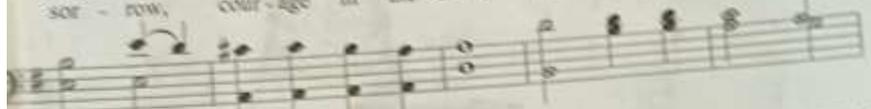
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name 711



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise with one ac -
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way; with you be -
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night; turn all our
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life; com - fort in



cord our part - ing hymn of praise; we give you thanks be -
gan, with you shall end the day; guard now the lips from
dark - ness to your per - fect light; then, while we sleep, our
sor - row, cour - age in the strife; then, when your voice shall



fore our wor - ship cease, and now de - part - ing, wait your word of peace.
sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called up - on your name.
hope and strength re - new, for dark and light are both a - like to you.
make our con - flict cease, call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

WORDS: John Ellerton (1828-1893)
MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

ELLER
1818-1901