

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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May 29, 2022

Seventh 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: "It Is Well With My Soul" ...arr. B. Mc Donald.
Text H.G. Spafford

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows
like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to
say, "it is well, it is well with my soul."

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Rejoice, O earth, the Lord is Sovereign

**C: Let us worship the Lord, Who reigns with justice
and righteousness.**

M: Rejoice, O earth, the Lord is righteous.

**C: Let us worship the Lord and give thanks to God's
Holy name!**

*HYMN: #74 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**O God of steadfast love, we thank You for the lessons of
the past. We remember all that You have done for us;
make us truly thankful. We remember times of joy and
sorrow. We share the memory of Your people as they
have journeyed through time; it is our story as well.**

Bless this hour of worship. Lord, bless our hearts, this church and our nation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #72 Great is Thy Faithfulness...refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have
needed thy hand hath provided - great is thy
faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 97

Revelation 22: 12 – 14,16 - 21

* John 17: 20 - 26

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Golden Glue"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Pie Jesu" ...M.L. Lightfoot
Chancel Choir

Merciful Jesus Lord, grant to them rest. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting

*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: #730 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #727 America, the Beautiful vs. 3
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine!

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: are presented in honor of those who sacrificed their lives for the United States. May we never take our freedoms for granted! God Bless America!

The Kesselrings

GREETERS: Jack & Diane Brunner

USHERS: Jack Brunner, Tom Wright

LAY READER: Bill Rumble

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 97 NRSV

The Glory of God's Reign

- ¹ The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- ⁷ All servants of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Revelation 22: 12 – 14, 16 - 21 NRSV

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; ¹⁹ if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person’s share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

John 17: 20 - 26 NRSV

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.”

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



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, MAY 29

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

MONDAY, MAY 30 Memorial Day

Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 31

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

5:30PM Handbell Choir rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Pentecost Sunday

9:30AM Adult Bible Study final session
10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion and
vote on mason work

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.

Family Night with the Iron Pigs

Today is the last day to sign up and turn in your money to purchase tickets for the June 24th game at Coca Cola Park.

Dear Bethany Family.

We would all agree that Bethany UCC is more than just a building with people who worship, enjoy the fellowship of other congregants, etc. BUT it is also a marvelously-built building that requires TLC on occasion. Who doesn't after you are more than 100 years old?

Recently we have provided the masonry in the chimney area of our building some cosmetic makeovers over the last 3-4 years.

Kudos to Don Sorensen's masterful work on these makeovers have managed to minimize any issues until NOW.

We need to take the step of fixing the overall masonry problem, which if not repaired, could result in a collapse of that chimney area. The sooner we get the work done the better

Again, Don Sorensen has come to our rescue with an exceptional cost-effective bid for this work. This requires an investment of \$12,500.

The good news is that we have money from the Bauder estate from this past year in the Parsonage Fund that more than covers this work.

We call for your approval on June 5th so that we can move forward with funding this critical repair project. With your approval today, we could get this work done in the Summer while we are worshipping in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your participation in the restoration of this amazing building.

Your brother in Christ

Matt

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

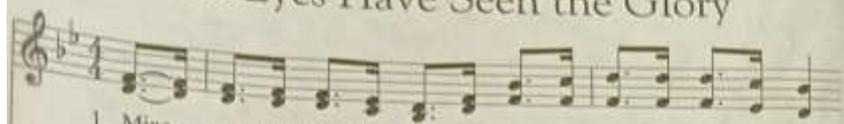
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their rag - ing
 3 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose breath were fash - ioned sea and
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, pre - serve their lives in

rest - less wave, who told the might - y o - cean deep its
 at your word, who walked a - cross the surg - ing deep and
 sky and earth; who made the storm - y cha - os cease and
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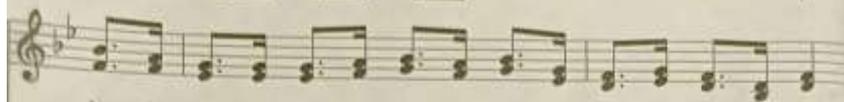
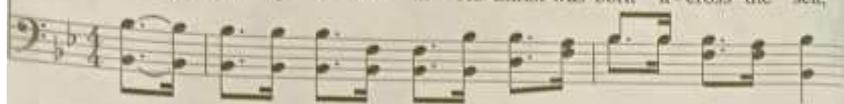
own ap - point - ed bounds to keep: O hear us when we
 in the storm lay calm in sleep: O hear us when we
 gave us life and light and peace: O hear us when we
 tect them by your ho - ly name, and to your glo - ry

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 let there be glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



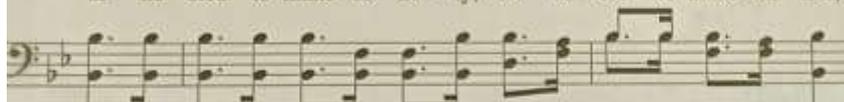
- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
- 2 I have seen him in the watch - fires of a hun - dred cir - cling camps,
- 3 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
- 4 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



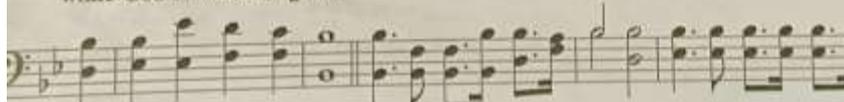
he is tramp - ling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 they have build - ed him an al - tar in the eve - ning dews and damps;
 he is sift - ing out the hearts of all be - fore his judg - ment seat.
 with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;

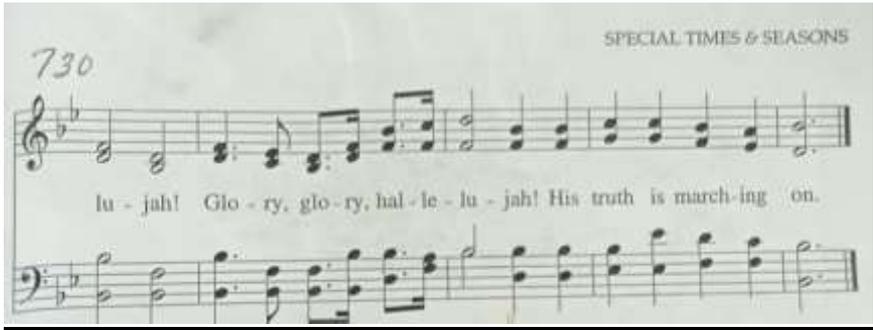


he hath loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword;
 I can read his right - eous sen - tence by the dim and flar - ing lamps;
 O be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
 as he died to make us ho - ly, let us die to make all free,



his truth is march - ing on.
 his day is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le -
 Our God is march - ing on.
 while God is march - ing on.





In Sympathy

Please keep the Baum/Bowers/Keretz family in your prayers as they deal with the death of David Baum, father of Josh, son of Ruth and brother of Debbie. Also, Ruth Bower currently resides at Phoebe Home 1925 W. Turner St. Room L 123-B. Allentown PA.

Thanks

To everyone who sent birthday greetings to Ted Hendricks as he celebrated his 90th birthday he sends a big "Thank You". He had a wonderful celebration!

