

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

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 8, 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: "For the Beauty of the Earth" ...H. J. Markworth

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

P: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

L: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

P: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

*HYMN: #607 Happy the Home When God is There

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Parent God, we thank you for the homes in which we were nurtured, and for the love that our mothers and fathers had for us. We thank you also for the new birth that Christ offers us through your love, and for the larger family we find in the church and among the

people of the world. Through the power of your Spirit, make us alive to love and serve you in our families, our church, and our world; make us your true children in Jesus Christ. 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 23

Revelation 7:9-17

* John 10: 22-30

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Listening Carefully"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" ... T. Mitchell

***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: #40 For the Beauty of the Earth

*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:

BULLETINS:

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

LAY READER: Sue Wright

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. 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

Psalm 23 NRSV

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[a]
I fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.



Revelation 7: 9 - 17 NRSV

The Multitude from Every Nation

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

John 10: 22 - 30 NRSV

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."



Our Sympathy

Please keep the Wolfe family in your prayers. Dennis Wolfe went to be with the Lord on April 29th. Our thoughts and prayers are with his mother Marie and his sister Marcie as well as the rest of his family and friends.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, MAY 8 Mother's Day

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

MONDAY, MAY 9

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours
7PM Consistory in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15

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

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



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1 Hap - py the home when God is there, and love fills ev - ery - one,
2 Hap - py the home where God's strong love is start - ing to ap - pear,
3 Hap - py the home where prayer is heard, and praise is ev - ery - where,
4 Lord, let us in our homes a - gree this bless - ed peace to gain;

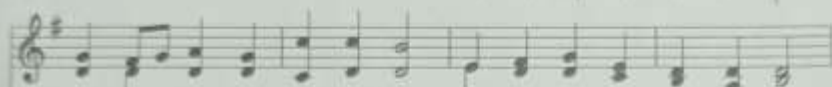
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when with u - ni - ted work and prayer the Mas - ter's will is done,
where all the chil - dren hear his fame and par - ents hold him dear,
where par - ents love the sa - cred Word, and its true wis - dom share,
u - nite our hearts in love to thee, and love to all will reign

For the Beauty of the Earth

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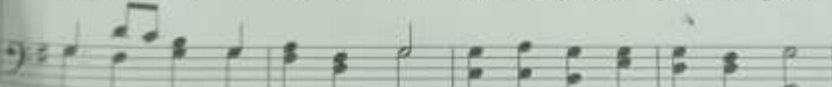
1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the church that ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our race so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 of - fering up on ev - ery shore her pure sac - ri - fice of love,
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven,



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



W. W. W. William S. Pasport (1835-1917), alt.
 M. M. M. Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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