

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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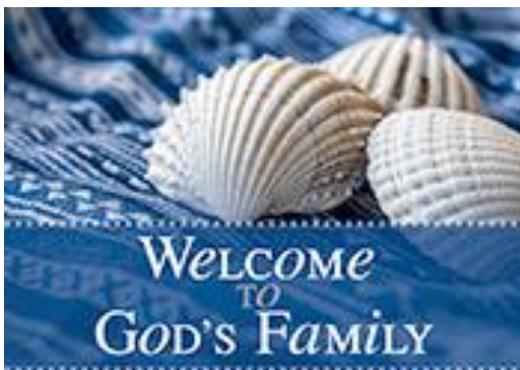
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June 12, 2022

Trinity Sunday

## **“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

10:00 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: "Love Divine All Love's Excelling" ... Zundel, arr. Smith

Piano/Organ Duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: O God, open us to the powerful winds of Your Spirit.

**P: Open our eyes to the wonders of Your creation.**

L: Open our nostrils to the fragrance of life.

**P: Open our ears to the words of Justice and truth.**

L: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

**P: Open our arms to the touch of our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

\*HYMN: #136 Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Eternal Giver, as we thank you for the wondrous, precious gift of life, we are aware of how time slips through our fingers. Caught up in yesterday's dreams and tomorrow's hopes, we miss the opportunities of today. Grant us courage to meet the challenges of today motivated by the vision of Your reign and power. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #652 This Is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (pg.7&8)

Solo: Masterpiece ... S. Patti Pastor Todd

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Romans 5: 1-5

\* John 16: 12 - 15

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "What on Earth is the Trinity?"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Praise We God the Father's Name" ...L.B.  
Sateren Chancel Choir

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #34 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*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: #747 Go with Us, Lord  
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

POSTLUDE

***Our worship ends, our service begins!***

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: The flowers and bulletins are sponsored by Leonard and Rebecca Kesselring in honor of the Baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble. May God Bless Jane and may He forever hold her in the palms of His hands.  
GREETERS: Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto  
USHERS: Steve Tarasuk, Barbara Backensto  
LAY READER: Phil Haines

## Celebrate

Today we celebrate and witness the Baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble, daughter of Rachel and Tim Rumble born on October 22, 2021. Jane's Godparents are Chris Rumble and Kristen Fricke. Grandparents are Lynn and Jon Terry and Bev and Bill Rumble. God bless Jane always!

**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

### Romans 5: 1 - 5 NRSV

#### Results of Justification

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that

affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## **John 16: 12 - 15 NRSV**

<sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



*Thanks to everyone who helps keep Bethany going. Whether you pick up some trash, help with peanuts, or any of the number of tasks that it takes to keep the church going please know that you are appreciated.*

## 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.

# 136 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## Borning Cry

*Unison*

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

1 I was there to hear your born - ing 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, I was too

G Gmaj7 Am/G G Am6/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

Am D D9 G Am G/B C2

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you  
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your  
 shut your wear - y eyes, I'll be there as I have

Bm7 Em A G/A F#m/A Em/A D D7

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.  
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.  
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *D.C. (vs. 1) al fine*

## Thanks

*Many Thanks to Rebecca Kesselring and Sue Wright for the special music today.*



## **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 12**

10AM           Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble! The Handbell and Chancel choirs will join in the celebration!

**4PM           Pastor Todd is directing a Memorial Choir Concert at St. John's UCC, Nazareth today at 4 pm in tribute to Floyd Schlegel, who passed away in August 2020. Floyd served 36 years as Director of Music at St. Johns, Directed the St. Luke's Singers and was a beloved music teacher in Nazareth and personal friend and colleague of Sue Wright. Parking will be premium so keep that in mind if you'd like to attend. There will be a freewill offering.**

### **MONDAY, JUNE 13**

9AM           Nut preparation in Fellowship Hall

9:30AM       1:30PM Office Hours

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

9:30AM       1:30PM Office hours

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15**

5:30PM       Handbell Choir

7PM           Chancel Choir

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

9:30AM       1:30PM Office Hours

7PM           Consistory in Fellowship Hall

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

10AM        Worship at Christ UCC 75 W. Market Street with 4 other UCC churches. The message of the day will be a presentation by Habitat for Humanity. Remember to use offering envelopes as bethany will receive them to report your giving.