

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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June 5, 2022

Pentecost 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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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 Spirit of the Living God" ...W. Croft

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: Let us worship the Lord, Who in wisdom has created the world.

C: Let us worship the Lord, Who gives good things to the creation.

M: Let us worship the Lord, Who sends forth the Spirit to the world.

C: Let us worship the Lord and sing praises to God as long as we live.

*HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine "

CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, Whose grace surrounds us, Whose Spirit sustains us, we confess that we are reluctant to be Your disciples, We confess that we neglect the gifts in us. We confess that we are more concerned with position and privilege. Forgive us our neglect and presumption, our self-centered understanding of the Gospel. Help us to be

Your Spirit-filled people, working together as a body of Christ here in Your world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Vs.3

Breathe on me, breath of God, so that your will is mine, until this earthly part of me glows with your fire divine.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Romans 8: 12-17

* John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "The Holy Spirit and a Few Secrets"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Many Gifts, One Spirit" ...A. Pote.

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (pg.9)

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: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #330 “Come Down, O Love Divine” vs.1

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine and visit it with your own ardor glowing: O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!

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



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: are presented in memory of my mother Mrs. Donald Young who would have turned 98 on May 29th by her daughter Deborah
GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan
USHERS: Consistory
LAY READER: Rebecca 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

Romans 8: 12 - 17 NRSV

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 14: 8 – 17, 25 - 27 NRSV

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not

speaking on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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

MANY THANKS to Tim Rumble for his trombone accompaniments this morning.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 Pentecost

9:30AM Adult Bible Study final session

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion and congregational vote on masonry

MONDAY, JUNE 6

9:30AM-1:30PM Office Hours

Nut Orders Due

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

9:30AM 1:30PM Office hours

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

No Rehearsals

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

7PM Consistory Meeting in FH

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9AM Nut making in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12 Baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the baptism of Jane Catherine Rumble

Pastor Todd is directing a Memorial Choir Concert at St. John's UCC, Nazareth next Sunday, June 12 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.

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

An Order for Communion

Invitation:

M: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

C: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth, and children, come from the east and the west, from the north, and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

Call to Prayer:

M: God be with you.

C: And also, with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to God.

M: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Congregational Response: Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know You as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving(unison)

We thank You, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth Your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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



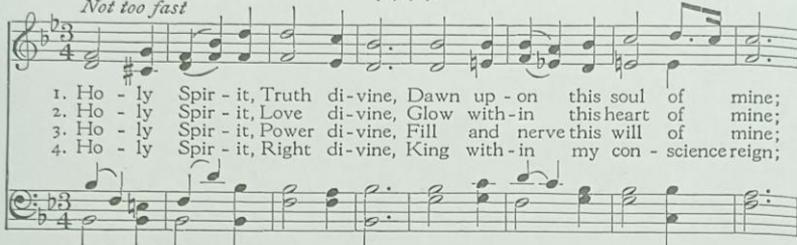
We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dorothy "Dot" Kraemer on Memorial Day morning. Dot was a resident at Cedarbrook, Fountain Hill after living at Bethlehem Manor. Before that she lived in Allentown and West Bethlehem when she joined Bethany sometime in the 70's. Dot was an active part of the Nut Bunch and always enjoyed the entertainment and fun times at Bethany. A funeral service was held yesterday at Burkholder's Funeral Home in Allentown.

The Holy Spirit

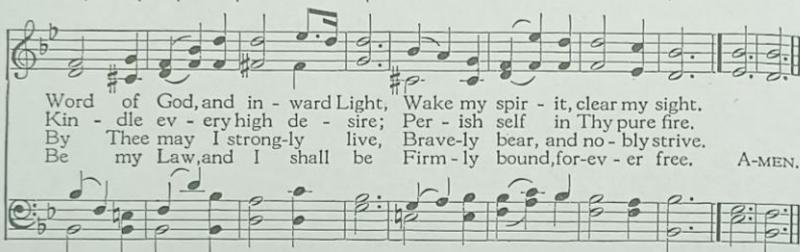
SAMUEL LONGFELLOW, 1864

MERCY
Arr. from LOUIS M. GOTTSCHALK, 1829-1869

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Not too fast


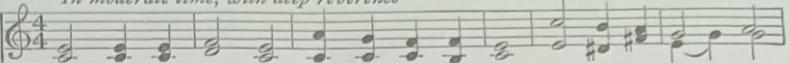
1. Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, Dawn up - on this soul of mine;
 2. Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Glow with - in this heart of mine;
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;
 4. Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di - vine, King with - in my con - science reign;



Word of God, and in - ward Light, Wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
 Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire; Per - ish self in Thy pure fire.
 By Thee may I strong - ly live, Brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
 Be my Law, and I shall be Firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free. A - MEN.



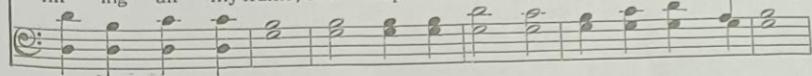
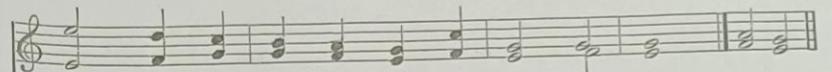
Thanks
 FOR WORSHIPING
 WITH US

In moderate time, with deep reverence


1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth, through
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et - ec - sta - cies, No sud - den rend - ing
 3. Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own, soul,
 4. Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh; Teach me the strug - gles
 5. Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion




all its pul - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as Thou art,
 of the veil of clay, No an - gel - vis - i - tant, no open - ing skies;
 heart, and strength, and mind; I see Thy cross—there teach my heart to cling:
 of the soul to bear, To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 fill ing all my frame; The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
 But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 My heart an - tar, and Thy love the flame. A-MEN.

