

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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The Spirit of
the Lord

is on me, because
he has anointed me
to proclaim good
news to the poor.

Luke 4:18, niv

July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

“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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10:00 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: "Once to Every Man and Nation" ...Fritz/
Williams

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

**People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
and the people whom he has chosen for his
own inheritance.**

Leader: Let the people praise Thee, O God,

People: Let all the people praise Thee.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

People: For Thou will judge the people with equity,

All: And govern the nations upon earth.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenty in mercy. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us turn to God and confess our sins.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

All: Lord God, in who our forefathers and foremothers trusted and found their faith rewarded by your gracious care, bless us today as we commemorate their valor, their sacrifice and the freedoms they entrusted unto each one of us. We thank you for the brave men and women who in the time of conflict were ready to lay down their lives, if need be, in the cause of liberty and righteousness. May we, the people of the nation which the founders established on an enduring foundation, be ever true to their great ideals. And, Almighty God, when we fail to be true to those ideals, when we fail to be true to you, we humbly ask you to forgive our sins and purify our hearts, to the end that we may live acceptably in your sight and to serve your son, Jesus Christ, as forever He seeks to save the world. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the Good News. If you declare with the mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart the God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

People: **We are forgiven and made whole in this greatest gift of all! Amen.**

*HYMN: # 383 If My People's Hearts are Humbled

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As members of one body, each of us was called to peace. When we are rescued from danger and trouble, we know the peace of Jesus Christ. When we are welcomed into the reign of God, we know the peace of Jesus Christ. As one body of people who have been welcomed and rescued,

being joined together through the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus, let us greet one another with signs of the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: May the peace of Christ be with you also.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): # 238 Thou Art the Way. Vs. 1

Thou art the Way: to Thee alone From sin and death we flee; And he who would the father seek, Must seek Him, Lord by Thee.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 7: 17-19

Isaiah 9: 6-7

* Luke 4: 18

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE: "Religion and the Founding Fathers"

OFFERING INVITATION

Leader: Freely we have received, freely we should give.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." In Jesus Christ we are given new life. Let us celebrate this life by giving generously to the work of God's redeeming love.

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me".

Spiritual, arr. Whalum

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)**

All: Our Heavenly Father, you have taught us by this act of Worship that it is more blessed to give than to receive. You are the true provider of everything and you have blessed us with much. We are thankful to have the opportunity to give back to you now. Bless these gifts of ours to glorify and grow your kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen

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: #252 Once to Every Man and Nation**

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: The peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen

***CHORAL BENEDICTION: Father Bless Us As We Part
Father, bless us as we part, Grant us peace that makes
us free, Strengthen every trusting heart With the love
that comes from Thee. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: The Flowers and Bulletins are sponsored by Len and Rebecca Kesselring and are dedicated to all of our country's Patriots whom have served in the past, are presently serving and who will serve in the future.

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.

*Thank you, Len Kesselring, for leading
worship and bringing the message today as
Pastor Todd begins his vacation.*

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 7: 17-19 NRSV

¹⁷ “If you say to yourself, ‘These nations are more numerous than I; how can I dispossess them?’ ¹⁸ do not be afraid of them. Just remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt, ¹⁹ the great trials that your eyes saw, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and the outstretched arm by which the LORD your God brought you out. The LORD your God will do the same to all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

Isaiah 9: 6-7 NRSV

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Luke 4: 18 NRSV

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,

383 If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

Unison

1 If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and seek my face,
 2 Then my eyes will see their sor-row, then my ears will hear their plea;

if they turn a - way from e - vil, I will not with-hold my grace.
 if my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, I will set their na - tion free.

I will hear their prayers from heav-en; I will par-don ev - ery sin.
 If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, if they pray and seek my face;

If my peo-ple's hearts are hum-bled, I will sure - ly heal their land.
 if they turn a - way from e - vil, I will not with-hold my grace.

WORDS: Claire Cloninger (1942-); para. 2 Chronicles 7:14
 MUSIC: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1830; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

PLEADING SAVIOR
 8.7.8.7.D

Once to Every Man and Nation

James Russell Lowell, 1845, alt.

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
Thomas J. Williams, 1890

Unison

1. Once to ev-ery man and na-tion Comes the mo-ment to de-cide,
2. By the light of burn-ing mar-tyrs, Je-sus' bleed-ing feet I track,
3. Though the cause of e-vil pros-per, Yet 'tis truth a-lone is strong,

In the strife of truth with false-hood, For the good or e-vil side;
Toil-ing up new Cal-varies ev-er With the cross that turns not back;
Truth for-ev-er on the scaf-fold, Wrong for-ev-er on the throne.

Some great cause, God's new mes-si-ah, Of-fering each the bloom or blight,
New oc-ca-sions teach new du-ties, Time makes an-cient good un-couth;
Yet that scaf-fold sways the fu-ture, And, be-hind the dim un-known,

And the choice goes by for-ev-er 'Twixt that dark-ness and that light.
They must up-ward still and on-ward, Who would keep a-breast of truth.
Stand-eth God with-in the shad-ow Keep-ing watch a-bove his own.

Upcoming events here at Bethany!

July will see us celebrate the baptism of Ella Jane Sutter on July 17th in the Sanctuary followed by cake and punch in Fellowship Hall. That same weekend there will be an oldies dance sponsored by our own Barry Smith please contact him if you are interested in attending @ 610-868-5495.

August 20th is a return of our Bethany Breakfast. There will be two seating's, 9am and 10am. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, juice and coffee at a cost of \$7 while those under 5 are free. In spite of his shyness the pastor will be mingling with all those who attend. Please see Bev Rumble or Rebecca Kesselring for tickets.

September 11th finds us gathering at Louise Moore Park for our annual picnic. As of right now the only information is the date and location. Once plans are finalized, we will share that information.

October 16th brings a talk by Kelly Schoenberger who represents The Alzheimer Research organization Bethany has donated to for many years. After a brief talk during the service, we will have a lunch in Fellowship Hall then Kelly will share more information with us as well as any others who would like to attend. We will extend the invitation to the other UCC churches as well as West Side Moravian and Star of Bethlehem.

August will also see the masonry work done by Don Sorenson. Please avoid using the front entrance at this time.

Pastor Todd will be on vacation from July 9th to July 16th. For Pastoral emergencies please call Pastor Dennis Schappell at Trinity UCC 610-691-8200 or on his cell @ 215-804-6243. You may also contact the office hereat Bethany for assistance.

Sponsor a Bill

As many of you know we had plumbing issues involving the sewage lines here at Bethany. Thanks to Agentis /Mr. Rooter Plumbing this issue has been resolved. As you may imagine this service was not cheap and we received a bill for almost \$2000. If you would like to contribute under our Sponsor a Bill program, please mark your donation Plumbing. All donations gratefully appreciated!

Habitat for Humanity

There will be a planning meeting set up soon for volunteers from the five Bethlehem UCC churches to serve on a local Habitat for Humanity project. Interested? Call the church office or speak to Pastor Todd.

Those in the Hospital

Please keep Ted Hendricks @ Cedarbrook, Roger Wagner @ Fellowship Manor and Walter Williams @ St. Luke's Sacred Heart in your prayers as they heal. Please send get well wishes to their homes.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JULY 10

10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall led by Len Kesselring

MONDAY, JULY 11

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, JULY 12

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 14

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

SATURDAY, JULY 16

6PM – 10PM Oldies dance in FH Call Barry Smith @ 610-868-5495 by Wednesday the 13th if you wish to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 17

10AM Worship in the sanctuary as we celebrate the baptism of Ella Jane Sutter. Cake and punch will be served in Fellowship Hall afterwards.

In Sympathy

Please keep the family of Lillian Connors in your prayers. She went to be with her Lord on July 4th. She was a lovely lady who will be missed.