

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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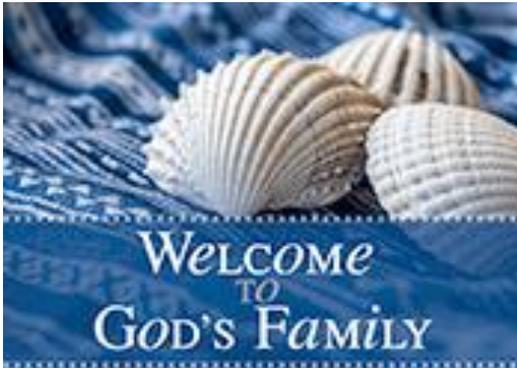
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July 17, 2022

Sixth 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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July 17, 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: "Lord I Ring My Praise to Thee" ... H. F. Starks
Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my sighing.

P: Listen to my cry for help my God for to you I pray.

L: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

P: In the morning I lay my requests before You.

All: Be merciful and hear our prayers.

*HYMN: #40 For the Beauty of the Earth

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O Lord, we don't always start or end our day with Your name on our lips, but we are here today in this place to worship You. Help us to give our cares and worries to You, so we can be centered on You in this hour of worship. 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.8&9)

Solo: Masterpiece ... S. Patti Pastor Todd

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Colossians 1: 15-28

* Luke 10: 38-42

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "What Really Matters"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "A Peaceful Alleluia" ...J. A. Shafferman
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 Borning Cry

*BENEDICTION

*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.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS: The Bulletins and Flowers are given to celebrate the baptism of Ella Jane Sutter by her grandparents, Susan and Paul Sutter and Diane and Jack Brunner.

GREETERS: Volunteer, Ina Denninger

USHERS: Bob Ruhe, Volunteer

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

Celebrate

Today we celebrate and witness the Baptism of Ella Jane Sutter, daughter of Douglas and Laura Sutter born on February 22, 2022. Ella's Godparents are Matthew Brunner and Kathy Mullin. Grandparents are Jack and Diane Brunner and Paul and Susie Sutter. Great Grandparents are Ina Denninger, Barbara Brunner, John Brunner and Bernadette Sutter-Zang. God bless Ella always! Please join the family for a social downstairs after the service.

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

Colossians 1: 15 - 28 NRSV

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were

created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

Paul's Interest in the Colossians

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Luke 10: 38 - 42 NRSV

Jesus Visits Martha and Mary

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.^[a] ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's^[b] feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one.^[c] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Thanks

Many Thanks to the Chancel and Handbell Choirs for adding their music to today's service. Many churches take a summer break with their music programs but here at Bethany we celebrate with music year-round!



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.

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.

WORDS: Elliott S. Pierpont (1835-1917), alt.
MUSIC: Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William H. Monk (1823-1889)

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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 Am/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*

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JULY 17

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the baptism of Ella Jane Sutter! Join us downstairs for a social afterwards.

MONDAY, JULY 18

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, JULY 19

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

No rehearsals

THURSDAY, JULY 21

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 24

10AM We are back downstairs for Worship and Communion.