

# BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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July 24, 2022

Seventh 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 24, 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: "Let Us Break Bread Together" ...Trad. spiritual,  
arr. H. T. Manning

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Incline Your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

**P: Preserve my life, for I am godly; save your servant who trusts You.**

L: You are my God, be gracious to me, O Lord.

**P: Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN: #483 Take Time to Be Holy

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**God of new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our reluctance and failure to live in Christ. You promise to be present with us always, yet we fear for our lives and our times. Hear now our personal, silent confessions we lay before you ...**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

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

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #349 Seek Ye  
First Vs.1&2

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu,  
alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye  
shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto  
you; Allelu, alleluia!**

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Colossians 2: 6-15

\* Luke 11: 1-13

Leader: This is the Good News

**People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "The Lord's Prayer: Anchored in Reverence"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: Open My Eyes, That I May See ...C. H. Scott  
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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (pg.8)

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: #487 Kum Ba Yah

\*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: are presented by Len and Rebecca Kesselring in honor of the Glory of God.

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Consistory

LAY READER: Debbie Brown

**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

### Colossians 2: 6 - 15 NRSV

#### Fullness of Life in Christ

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our

trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

## **Luke 11: 1 - 13 NRSV**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**11** He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

### **Perseverance in Prayer**

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs."<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door

will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**Please keep the following members in your prayers and perhaps drop them a line to let them know that you are thinking about them.**

FELLOWSHIP MANOR

Roger Wagner  
c/o Fellowship Manor Villa  
Rm. 334-A  
3020 Fellowship Dr.  
Whitehall, PA 18052

PHOEBE HOME

Ruth Bowers  
c/o Phoebe Home L-123-B  
1925 W. Turner St.  
Allentown, PA 18104

**Since both Ted Hendricks and Walter Williams have changed locations as well as rooms since their hospitalizations, please continue to send cards to their homes.**

Theodore "Ted" Hendricks  
808 Elm Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Walter Williams  
1130 Spring Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18018-4919

## **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.**

# Take Time to Be Holy



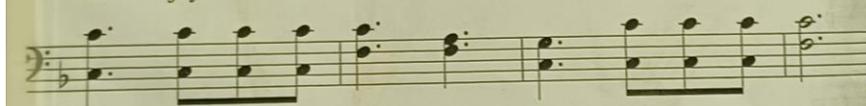
1 Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with your Lord;  
 2 Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;  
 3 Take time to be ho - ly, let him be your guide,



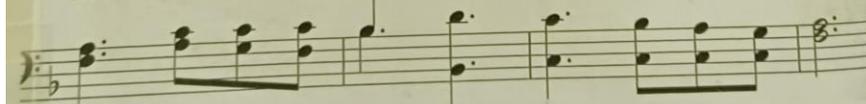
a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his Word.  
 spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.  
 and run not be - fore him, what - ev - er be - tide.



Make friends of God's chil - dren; help those who are weak;  
 By look - ing to Je - sus, like him you shall be;  
 In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low your Lord,



for - get - ting in noth - ing his bless - ing to seek.  
 your friends in your con - duct his like - ness will see.  
 and look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his Word.



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## Kum Ba Yah

1 \*Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba  
 2 Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 3 Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba  
 4 Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba

come by here

yah! Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's cry-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's sing-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!  
 yah! Some-one's pray-ing, Lord, kum ba yah! O Lord, kum ba yah!

### August Breakfast

Rebecca Kesselring is selling tickets for the Aug. 20<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with seating's at 9am and 10 am. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 5-13, 5 and under are free.

That price includes scrambled eggs, sausage, hashbrowns, juice and coffee.

### Habitat for Humanity

If you are interested in serving at a Habitat for Humanity project, please let Pastor Todd know.

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Luke 11:1-13

Shaped By Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The disciples pleaded with Jesus to teach them how to pray. And in response, he gave them the prayer we find at the beginning of Luke 11. The disciples said the words aloud and to themselves, over and over, until they memorized them and could say them anywhere and anytime. We usually think of the prayer we call The Lord's Prayer or The Prayer of our Savior as words we say together, in worship. Many of us in the United Church of Christ have said this prayer so often and for so long, that it may be the only prayer we know by heart. The good news is that the prayer Jesus gave us does not have to stay within the walls of the church building. We can carry it in our hearts and minds out into the world, wherever we may go. As you go about your week, try this. Try making this a portable prayer. How does it change the prayer for you, to recite these words under a tree, at the sideline of a sporting event, before eating a meal at a restaurant, when you make a decision large or small, as you sit down to pay your monthly bills, while going to sleep, or while waking up? The prayer of our Savior does not merely have to be a Sunday prayer, reserved for the one hour we sit together in pews and speak these words together almost without thinking. This prayer can be a hymn of gratitude, a shout of delight, a murmur for help, a plea for forgiveness, and a way to bring the Holy One close in any situation. Make The Lord's Prayer your companion, and you may find that you are able to recognize the kin-dom that is always arriving and is always already right here, wherever you may be

## **THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

### **SUNDAY, JULY 24**

10AM We are back downstairs for Worship and Communion.

### **MONDAY, JULY 25**

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours  
Beeline Articles are Due

### **TUESDAY, JULY 26**

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

4:30PM Worship in Fellowship Hall  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY, JULY 28**

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

### **NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31**

10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall

## **Sponsor a Bill**

**You may contribute toward our unexpected large plumbing bill of \$1690. Please designate your contribution to Plumbing.**

Due to rising prices our current florist is no longer doing altar flowers. I am researching local florists please let me know if you have any recommendations. Debbie