

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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October 30, 2022

Reformation 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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October 30, 2022

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.

**(* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE
(Bold Text is said or sung by everyone)**

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING: Hurricane Recovery Appeal

PRELUDE: "Be Thou My Vision" traditional
Piano - Cindy Cressman

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Be of one mind with our Lord Jesus, who emptied Himself and took the form of a servant,

P: Who lived a fully human life and died a fully human death.

L: Who gave us an example of radical obedience, even to the point of dying upon the cross.

All: Let us proclaim and worship our God of love and grace. Amen

*HYMN: #84 O God Our Help in Ages Past

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Blessing and honor and glory and power are Yours, o God. In love You created the human race and called Israel to be Your people. Through prophets You spoke Your word of grace and judgement. But in the fullness of time, You came among us in the life, death, and

resurrection of Jesus to show us the ways of Eternal life. Bless this hour of worship, we pray. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #50 Great is the Lord. vs 1**

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true; by his mercy he proves he is love. Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice; Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalms 119: 137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12

*** Luke 19: 1-10**

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Reaching In and Reaching Out"

THE APOSTLES CREED (Unison):

I believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate; he was crucified, died, and was buried. He went to the dead. On the third day he rose again, entered into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of

**sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life eternal.
Amen.**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made"
...Mark Hayes Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #688 We Give Thee but Thine
Own vs.1

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be: all
that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, You are the maker of heaven and earth.
Accept these offerings we present to You today. May
they become vessels of support for your work in this
church and in Your world. Consecrate us anew as living
sacrifices, to Your service. In Jesus name we pray,
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: # 507 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #395 The Bond of Love vs.1

We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love. We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God; we are one in the bond of love.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETINS are presented in honor of her parents Edward and DaMaris Stanley who would have celebrated their birthdays Oct. 17th and Oct. 31st by Rebecca and Len Kesselring.

FLOWERS: The additional flowers are placed in honor of Uldrich Zwingill 16th century reformer and founding father of the Reformed Church by Walter Long.

GREETERS: Ina Denninger

USHERS: Steve Tarasuk, Tom Wright

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

Scriptures

Psalm 119: 137 – 144 NRSV

137 You are righteous, O LORD,
and your judgments are right.

138 You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.

139 My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.

140 Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.

- ¹⁴¹ I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.
- ¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
- ¹⁴⁴ Your decrees are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

2 Thessalonians 1: 1 – 4, 11 - 12 NRSV

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and
sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly
and the love of every one of you for one another is
increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the
churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all
your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God
will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power
every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of
our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him,
according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 19: 1 - 10 NRSV

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man
was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector
and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on
account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in

stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

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.

BETHLEHEM EMERGENCY SHELTER

The leaves are changing and the weather is getting cooler. That means we are less than one month away from the opening of the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter! Bethany UCC has the privilege of taking care of our homeless neighbors again this season on three different occasions. Our schedule includes providing the dinner meals on Friday, December 9th, Tuesday, February 14th and Friday, March 3rd. Sign-up sheets for all three days are posted on the bulletin board. If you have been guided by the Holy Spirit to participate this season, please sign up for the position you would like to fill. For those of you that have volunteered in the past, THANK YOU, and I hope you will consider joining us again this season. You will note that this season there are no spots to sign up for registration. This particular task

will now be done by the paid staff at the shelter as this year begins a new automated registration! Of course, we still need you fabulous bakers to assist us with dessert selections and there is a spot on the sign-up sheets for you too! We are also accepting monetary donations to purchase the items to prepare the dinners. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to call me at (610) 807-9438 or talk to me in church! Thank you to all of you who have already expressed an interest in volunteering this season and I look forward to working with you and sharing God's grace in our community!
Blessings,

Sherri Gangewere

Nuts!

We will do our nut prep on Nov. 5th and 7th with orders due by October 31st. For December we will prep nuts on Dec. 3rd and 5th with orders due on Nov. 28th. Please mark your calendars and talk to your friends and relatives. We need orders as well as workers. Due to rising costs, we will be charging \$5 per 8oz. bag for Peanuts, Cashews, and Almonds. Any questions please call me @ 484-358-3735.

Thanks, Debbie

Rummage Sale

A Fall Rummage Sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday Nov. 18 from 8-4 and Saturday Nov. 19 from 8-2. We need volunteers to give time setting up for the sale, serving at the sale and helping with clean up. Gail Correll is in charge of this project and will be putting up a sign-up sheet.

Donations of clothing and small household items can be brought to the 5th Ave Sunday School room. Please do not bring electronics, TVs, or furniture. Please ask relatives and friends for donations as well.

October 30, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 19:1-10

Transforming Love

UCC Higher Education Sunday

On this United Church of Christ Higher Education Sunday, we celebrate all the institutions of higher learning that claim historic or current affiliation with the UCC. Among those are several HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). One of those HBCUs in New Orleans, Louisiana, is Dillard University.

Founded in 1935, Dillard is the result of the merger of two historically African American institutions. Immediately following Emancipation in the mid-1860's, the Methodist Episcopal Church founded Thompson Biblical Institute to train African American ministers. A few years later, the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church established Straight University in New Orleans. Today, Dillard University is the result of that merger and is affiliated with both the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Dillard continues the training envisioned by its founding organizations so many years ago through Lawless Chapel Ministry's (LCM) "VisionQuest, a program that aids students in pursuing ordained, music and lay ministry, and helps students find the work, and the life, to which God has called them.

LCM and VisionQuest accomplish their purposes by offering a lively worship service in Lawless Chapel every Sunday while the University is in session. The style of worship represents an eclectic mix of the University's two affiliations (United Methodist and United Church of Christ) with a little bit of Baptist, and a measure of creative experimentation that reflects the cultural exuberance of the city of New Orleans. The VisionQuest Chorale and Liturgical Dancers and Mime Ministry provide the music and dance for worship--be it on campus, throughout New Orleans, or beyond the city."*

You can find out more about Dillard, or the other HBCUs affiliated with the UCC by visiting online or in person:

- Dillard University, New Orleans, LA; www.dillard.edu
- Fisk University, Nashville, TN; www.fisk.edu
- Huston-Tillotson University, Austin, TX; www.htu.edu
- LeMoyne-Owen College, Memphis, TN; www.loc.edu
- Talladega College, Talladega, AL; www.talladega.edu
- Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS; www.tougaloo.edu

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning
 5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing
 we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening
 be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal



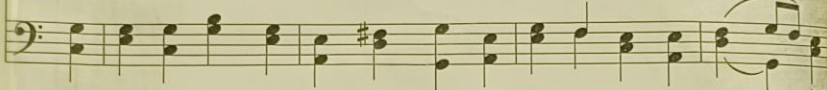
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



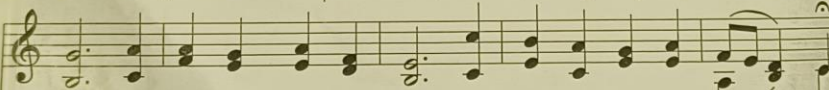
- 1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;
 2 Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing;
 3 And though this world, with dev-ils filled, should threat-en to un-do us,
 4 That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;



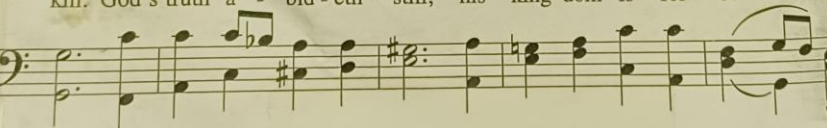
our help-er he, a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.
 we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to tri-umph through us.
 the Spir-it and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sid-eth.



For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sab-a-oth his
 The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we trem-ble not for him; his rage we can en-
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y they may



great, and, armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.
 name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.
 dure, for lo, his doom is sure; one lit-tle word shall fell him.
 kill: God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary Wear Red for Reformation Sunday! Joyful noise to benefit Hurricane Victims.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours
7PM Darts @ Bethany vs. Trinity UCC
Nut orders Due

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9AM Nut Prep in Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 All Saints Day

10:45 Worship in the Sanctuary, join us as we honor the Bethany Saints

Chocolates on Broadway!

Brochures for this year's Christmas candy sale are here. We will take orders until Sunday November 20th and will receive our candy on Sunday December 11th. These candies are delicious and make great holiday gifts.

DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON SATURDAY!