

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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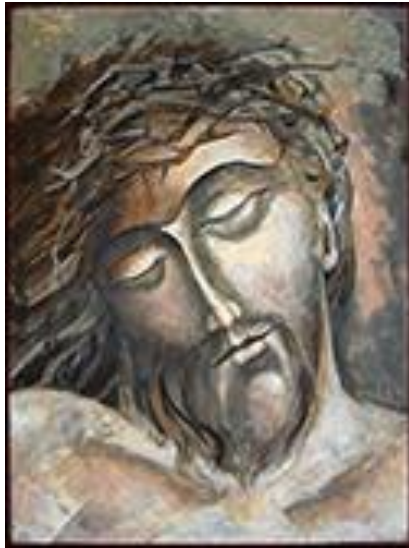
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April 7, 2023

Good Friday

“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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7:00 PM

We welcome our friends and visitors to this Service of Worship. May this be a time of blessing for you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ...Pastor Todd

PRELUDE: "A Good Friday Meditation" arr. R. Graham
Piano - Rebecca Kesselring/ Organ - Susan Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Surely, He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases.

C: Yet we accounted Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

P: But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed by our iniquities.

C: Upon Him was the punishment that makes us whole, and by His stripes we are healed!

THE DARKNESS OF MISUNDERSTANDING

The Words in the Temple: Mark 11: 15-18; John 10:
28-36 The first light is extinguished
Hymn # 419 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" vs.1

THE DARKNESS OF BETRAYAL

The Words in the Upper Room: Matthew 26: 20-28
The second light is extinguished
Hymn #272 Go to Dark Gethsemane vs.1

THE DARKNESS OF TEMPTATION

The Words in the Garden: Matthew 26: 30-31; 36-46
The third light is extinguished
Hymn #272 "Go to Dark Gethsemane vs.2

THE DARKNESS OF INJUSTICE

The Words of the Trial: Mark 14: 53, 57-64; Mark 15: 1-5; Luke 23: 7-11

The fourth light is extinguished

Hymn #284 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded vs.1

THE EVENING OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy" J. Jeep
Chancel Choir

THE DARKNESS OF DENIAL

The words of the Courtyard: Mark 14: 66-72

The fifth light is extinguished

Hymn #262 Ah, Holy Jesus" vs. 1&2

THE DARKNESS OF REJECTION

The Words before Pilate: Luke 23: 13-24

The sixth light is extinguished

Hymn # 261 When I Survey" all verses

THE DARKNESS OF CRUCIFIXION

The Words on the Cross: Luke 23: 33-34; 39-43; John 19: 26-30; Luke 23: 46-49

The Christ Candle is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Jesus death, but also the hope of Resurrection

Solo: "Were You There?" Pastor Todd

All are encouraged to leave the sanctuary in silence, pondering the life of Jesus, given for you.