

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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June 11, 2023 Second 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

We encourage our visitors to include their name, address, and phone number in the Guest Book at the top of the steps and come again. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become part of the community of faith and mission here at Bethany.

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Be Strong in the Lord" ...T. Fettke, arr. C.D. Clay

Piano / Organ Duet

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

People: God's love has brought us to this place, it has made of us a church.

Leader: We can live with confidence and hope in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

People: Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

All: So, may justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

HYMN: #71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Most holy and Loving God we await the touch of Your Spirit with eagerness. We ask that You enter the lives of

each one of us today refreshing, renewing and healing us with the powers of your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose, enthusiasm and courage after the manner of Jesus, who was truly whole and Love Incarnate.

Amen.

COUPLES PROCESSIONAL “O Perfect Love” vs.1 **O perfect Love; all human thought transcending, Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne, That theirs may be the love which knows no ending Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.**

RENEWAL OF VOWS

Pastor Todd and Jean Fennell 25 10/24
Leonard and Rebecca Kesselring 28 6/24
Matt and Suzanne Miller 45 11/25

ANTHEM: “Song of Ruth” ...J. Eilers Chancel Choir

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #657 He Has Made Me Glad

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter his courts with praise. I will say “This is the day that the Lord had made!” I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad; he has made me glad; I will rejoice for he has made me glad. He has made me glad; he has made me glad; I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Psalm 33: 1- 12

Romans 4: 13-25

*Mark 5: 21-43

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: “Faith Healing and Healing Faith”

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “Somebody’s Knocking at your Door”

...Spiritual Chancel Choir

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #720 With Grateful Heart, I
Thank You, Lord

**I thank you, Lord, for hand and heart to offer up your
praise. I thank you, Lord, for tongue to speak of all your
loving ways. For health and strength, for work and play,
for loved ones far and near, with grateful heart I thank
you, Lord, for all that I hold dear.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Holy God, thank you for sending the gift of your Holy
Spirit. Fill our hearts and minds with Your gifts of faith,
hope and love. We dedicate ourselves and these
offerings to Your good purposes in the world. Bless us
and bless them, 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: #358 Love Divine, all Love Excelling

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with love.

POSTLUDE

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS and BULLETTINS: are sponsored by Len & Rebecca Kesselring to celebrate the season of summer and witness the beauty of God's Majesty unfolding upon our earth.

GREETERS: Lisa Williams, Barbara Backensto

USHERS: Barbara Backensto, Tom Hoffert

LAY READER: Phillip Haines

We would like to update the directory. Please send updates to the office by email or write them up and place them on my desk. Thanks

Scriptures

Psalm 33: 1-12 NRSV

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.
Praise befits the upright.
- ² Praise the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- ³ Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle;
he put the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- ⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

Romans 4: 13 - 25 NRSV

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Mark 5: 21 - 43 NRSV

²¹ When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and pleaded with him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” ²⁴ So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard

about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²⁹ Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵ While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³ He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

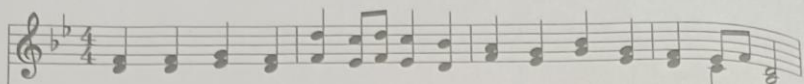
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a -
 2 Praise to the Lord, a -bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de - fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal -
 ing; shel-tering you un - der his wings, and so gent - ly sus -
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 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

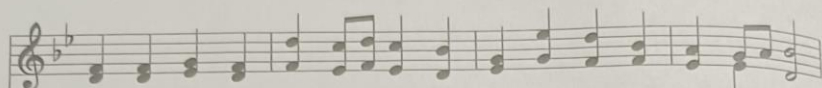
va - tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain - ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend - you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 fore him. Let the A - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra-cious or - dain - ing?
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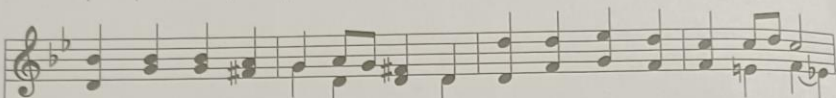
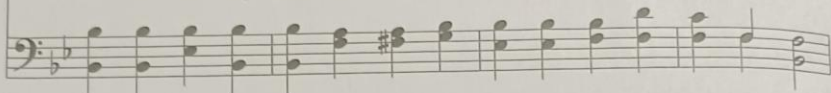
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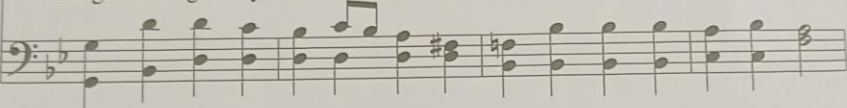
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



Love

A black and white photograph of a hummingbird in flight, hovering near a thin plant stem with small leaves. The bird is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image, facing right. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky.

is patient ♦
kind ♦ not envious ♦
not boastful ♦
not arrogant ♦
not rude ♦ does not insist
on its own way ♦
is not irritable or resentful ♦
does not rejoice in
wrongdoing ♦ rejoices in the
truth ♦ bears all things ♦
believes all things ♦
hopes all things ♦
endures all things ♦
never ends. ♦

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, NRSV [adapted]

**Remember nut orders are due tomorrow and we
look forward to seeing you on Saturday and
Monday to prepare orders.**

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Wedding Vow
Renewal

MONDAY, JUNE 12

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hour
Nut orders Due

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

9AM 1PM Nut making in FH

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary honoring Fathers and
graduates

I would like to thank everyone for the get-well cards and prayers of healing. Although this is a trying time I will endure. This is a new chapter in my life's story that will be interesting to write as I learn how to be the new Steve Austin, if you remember that show from the 70's. We can rebuild him, make him stronger, faster. not 6 million dollars' worth though. Keep the faith and follow the path.

Shalom.

Stephen Tarasuk