

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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June 18, 2023 Third 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: "This is My Father's World with Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" ... Trad. English Melody arr. by Roger Benett

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe,

People: Come with Your love and Power

Leader: Work the miracles of your hand in our lives

People: And in Your world may there be restoration and peace. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: #530 Faith of Our Fathers

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

O God, the demands and stresses of life swirl around us like waves from a storm. The winds of change drive our lives in ways we do not expect. Be both our buoy and guide. Remind us that you are the creator and

sustainer of life, for us and for the whole creation in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***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 116 12-19

Romans 5: 1-25

*Matthew 9: 35 – 10:8

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Dad's Turn"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

**OFFERTORY: "Bless This House" ... M.H. Brahe
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: "This Is My Father's World"**

***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 BULLETINS: are sponsored by Len & Rebecca Kesselring to celebrate and honor all the fathers on this Father's Day. May God bless each of you.

GREETERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

USHERS: Dan & Margy Sabetti

LAY READER: Jean Fennell

Scriptures

Psalm 116: 12 - 19 NRSV

- 12 What shall I return to the LORD
for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD;
- 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 16 O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the LORD.
- 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- 19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- Praise the LORD!

Romans 5: 1 - 8 NRSV

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 NRSV

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and

his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary honoring Fathers and graduates

MONDAY, JUNE 19

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hour
Beeline articles due

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

No Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10AM Worship in Fellowship Hall followed by
Congregational Meeting

Our Graduate

Kaitlin Nguyen, MD graduated from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University on May 5, 2023. During her time in medical school, she was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society for notable compassion, collaboration, and scientific excellence, as well as the national medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. She was selected to receive the Susan and Robert Probst Prize for achievement in Surgery, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Looking to the Future Scholarship, the Stabler Foundation Endowed Scholarship, and the St. Luke's Scholarship.

Dr. Nguyen was involved in multiple research projects in the fields of Cardiac, Plastic and Reconstructive, and Abdominal Organ Transplant Surgery. She published multiple first author manuscripts in peer reviewed journals and presented at local, regional, and national scientific meetings. Her work was highlighted as a featured article in the January 2022 Journal of Surgical Research and awarded the First Place Award in The 2021 Pennsylvania Medical Society Poster Contest.

She was involved in community outreach and mentoring programs, such as Lehigh Valley Big Brother Big Sister, Alumni Mentoring at Lafayette College, the Thoracic Surgery Medical Student Association Networking and Outreach Committee, and the Executive Boards of the Medical School Arts Groups and Surgery Interest groups.

In July, she will begin her surgical residency training at St. Luke's University Health Network in Bethlehem, PA, the hospital in which she was born twenty-six years ago. She plans to pursue a career in Cardiothoracic Surgery. She would like to thank her family, friends, and community for their support throughout the years.