

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

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

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June 4, 2023

Trinity 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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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.

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Sovereign God, Great King of Kings” ...Graebel,
arr. Allured Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

M: We gather in the name of God, Who is the Creator of the universe and we ourselves.

C: God calls us to this place of worship.

M: We gather in the name of Jesus, Who is our Saviour and shows us how to live.

C: Jesus gave His life for us and calls us to follow Him.

M: We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit, who guided us and leads us into peace and truth.

C: The Holy Spirit lives within us and gives us gifts to share. Let us worship God!

*HYMN: #603 In Christ There is No East or West

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Holy God, You are a mystery to us, beyond the capacity of our imaginations. And yet, Your voice brought forth creation and the world rests in Your

hands. On this day, give us Your peace and Your Strength and guidance to live as Your children in the Lord. 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): #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 has 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 SCRIPTURES

Psalm 8

Acts 2: 12-24

*Matthew 28: 16-20

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "A Preaching People"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Go Ye Into All the World" ... E. Butler
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: #708 Go Forth for God**

***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 for the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

GREETERS: Judy & George Morgan

USHERS: Bob Ruhe, Cindy Beck

LAY READER: Rebecca Kesselring

Scriptures

Psalm 8 NRSV

- ¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- ⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?
- ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Acts 2: 12 - 24 NRSV

¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the

agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

Matthew 28: 16 - 20 NRSV

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

FUNDRAISERS -



GET YOUR PEANUTS, CASHEWS, AND ALMONDS HERE!

We will be selling nuts in June with orders due on June 12th with prep days on the 17th and 19th! We sell Almonds, Cashews, and Peanuts. Call Debbie Brown at 484-358-3735. Everyone is invited to help on nut preparation days. Saturdays from 9 AM-Noon (Attention Youth – this can be Community Service time) and Mondays from 8 AM until finished. It's a time of fun and fellowship. Lunch is served on peanut prep Mondays. Peanuts, Cashews & Almonds are \$5

Please contact the office if you would like to renew your wedding vows on Sunday June 11th. We would also like to honor graduates on Sunday June 18th.

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 Trinity Sunday

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, JUNE 5

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

No rehearsals

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours
7PM Consistory in FH

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:30AM 1:30PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Wedding Vow
Renewal

