

BETHANY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018

Hours: Mon and Fri 9:00-1:00 and Wed 1:00-5:00

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Daughter, your faith
has made you well;
go in peace,
and be healed
of your disease.

Mark 5:34, NRSV



February 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent

“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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February 25, 2024

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.

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

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Minuet in G" ...J. S. Bach
Banjo – Bob Ruhe

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

C: We come to join with Christ in his journey to the cross

P: We gather to worship our god, whose words and ways challenge us.

C: God invites us to lose our selfishness in order to find ourselves

P: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ

C: God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

*HYMN: #406 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of compassion, you know how we rebel against you. You know how we doubt and fear and hold back, when you call us to freedom, and to partnership in Jesus Christ. God forgive us. Free us by the power of your cross, that we may serve you without fear. Grant

us your peace, through Jesus Christ who was faithful to the end. Amen.

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Leader: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you" Let us offer each other a sign of peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also, with you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison): #270 O How He Loves You and Me**

O how he loves you and me, O how he loves you and me; he gave his life – what more could he give? O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Psalm 130

*Mark 5:24 - 34

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Jesus and the Hemorrhaging Woman"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

**OFFERTORY: "The Apple Tree" ... K. L. Scott
Chancel Choir**

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE: #470(E&R) Savior Thy Dying Love**

Savior thy dying love Thou gavest me, Nor should I aught with-hold, Dear Lord, from Thee; in

**love my soul would bow, My heart fulfil its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now, Something for Thee.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS, GIFTS AND
SELF**

**God of light and promise, we bring our gifts to further
your work in a dark world. Accept these gifts of money
and time, indeed, the gift of our very selves. May they
bring your light to those overwhelmed by darkness,
pain, and loneliness. Let them shine for all to see. 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: #636 Heal Me, Hands of Jesus**

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION: #393 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reigns through all
eternity.**

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: and BULLETINS: are presented by Len and Rebecca Kesselring to honor the Glory of God.

GREETERS: Corey Tancin

USHERS: Tom Hoffert, Corey Tancin

LAY READER: Eric Derr

Scriptures

Psalm 130 NRSV

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

Mark 5: 24 - 34 NRSV

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.”

2024 Flower and Bulletin Charts are posted on the BB on the left side of the main entrance. Please note two vases will cost \$60. A rectangular arrangement will cost \$30. Silk (S) flowers will be \$10. Bulletins will cost \$10. Be sure to indicate what type of flowers you want – real or silk. We are now working with Country Rose Florist in Westgate.

Any questions, contact the church office.

As in the past, contact the office with your information for the bulletin no later than the Tuesday before your sponsored date. Thank you.

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.

CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

If worship is cancelled due to weather conditions, announcements will be on TV Channel 69 – WFMZ. Also, if we have your email address, an email will be sent.



Anyone wishing to place a tulip, daffodil or mum in our sanctuary or make a donation for an artificial lily for Easter Sunday is asked to fill in the necessary information below and return it to the Church Office accompanied by a check. Checks can be made out to "Bethany UCC" marked Easter flowers. **The deadline for all orders is Monday, March 18.**

Thank you.

Name:

Number of Tulips @ \$10 each _____

Number of Daffodils @ \$10 each _____

Number of mums @ \$10 each _____

Artificial lily donation _____

In Loving Memory of:

or

In Honor of:

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer. Week 2 of "Journey to the Cross"

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00AM 1:00PM Office Hours
7PM Darts @ Fritz Wesleyan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1:00PM 5:00PM Office Hours
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

9:00AM 1:00PM Office Hours

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer.

From the Secretary,

Since things have changed here at Bethany there will be some changes made to the office hours. I will still be here three days a week but some of the days and times will change. Starting January 8th, I will work Monday from 9am – 1pm, Wednesday from 1pm – 5pm and Friday from 9am – 1pm. I will change the bulletin and answering machine to reflect these changes. As always it never hurts to call first if you are stopping by.

Thank you,

Debbie

406 My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

1 My faith has found a rest - ing place, not in de - vice nor creed;
 2 E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3 My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God,
 4 My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul, I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion through his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

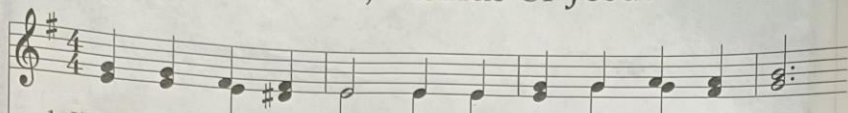
Refrain

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea;

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

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- 1 Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain;
- 2 Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter - ness a - way;
- 3 Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin;
- 4 Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease



re - store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
let me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
dis - pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
and heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

