

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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Judas Betrays Jesus

March 10, 2024

Fourth 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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March 10, 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: "Wayfaring Stranger/ I Want Jesus to Walk With Me" ...Spiritual arr. Logan

Harmonica Jerry Lee Miller

Chancel Choir

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 come to worship yet our minds are distracted. How shall we find holiness?

C: God always hears the cries of people and comes to be with them.

P: Our prayers are full of cries. How shall we know that God answers?

C: In this time of worship may we sense God's presence and respond to God's call.

*HYMN: #90 Jesus, What A Friend For Sinners

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Reconciling God, we realize that we distance ourselves from those we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from those who disappoint us or remind us of our own human frailty. Forgive us, O God. Lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw as close to each

other as you drew to us in Christ. Help us to regard persons no longer from a human point of view, but from the vantage point of the cross, where all hostility was conquered and all forgiveness assured. 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): #491**

Open Our Eyes

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

READING OF SCRIPTURES

Isaih 50: 4 - 9

*Mark 14: 43 - 52

Leader: This is the Good News

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON: "Jesus and Judas"

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES and GIFTS

OFFERTORY: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" ... arr.
L. Kjelson

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: #244 O Love, How Deep, How Broad vs.1 refrain/
vs.2 vs.3 refrain/ vs.4 vs.5 refrain

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: #716 "God Be with You" vs.3
God be with you till we meet again, By His counsels' guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you God be with you till we meet again.

Our worship ends, our service begins!



FLOWERS: and BULLETINS: are presented by Ruth and Barry Smith in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary.

GREETERS: Ruth & Barry Smith

USHERS: Ruth & Barry Smith

LAY READER: Ruth Smith

Scriptures

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9 NRSV

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me
a trained tongue,

that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand in court together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

⁹ It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Mark 14: 43 - 52 NRSV

⁴³ Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. ⁴⁷ But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? ⁴⁹ Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ All of them deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him. ⁵² but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

Mark Your calendar for April 7th! Some thing exciting will be happening that day.

follow after meeting this

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



More details to consistory week.

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.

Please consider signing up to support these programs. For \$20 you can celebrate someone's special day or something as simple as you saw the first robin of spring. With so much bad news let's look for the good.

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.





Once again, we will be collecting for Alzheimer's Disease Research during the month of March. The official day for collection will be at the Joyful Noise

offering on Sunday, March 17th. Last year we raised over \$1,000 for this worthy cause and one very near and dear to our hearts here at Bethany Church. We have been supporting this program since 2011 and have raised over \$10,000 which thanks to generous programs have been doubled to over \$20,000. Checks need to be made out to Bethany UCC with Alzheimer's written in the memo. Bethany will send one check to the organization. Thank you in advance for your most generous donations. Any questions can be directed to Sue Wright.

P.S. If you are not able to be in attendance on March 17th, your donation will be accepted any time before that date in the offering plate or through the church office.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the UCC. Collection for OGHS will be today.

INVITE FROM ST. THOMAS!

Our 50PLUS group will meet from 10am to noon on Tuesday, March 12 at St. Thomas, 902 East Macade Rd., Bethlehem.

Drumming and shamrock shakes! What could be more fun! Moe Jerant will lead the program. To register, call the church office at 610.868.9167. You may bring a snack to share if you like.

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

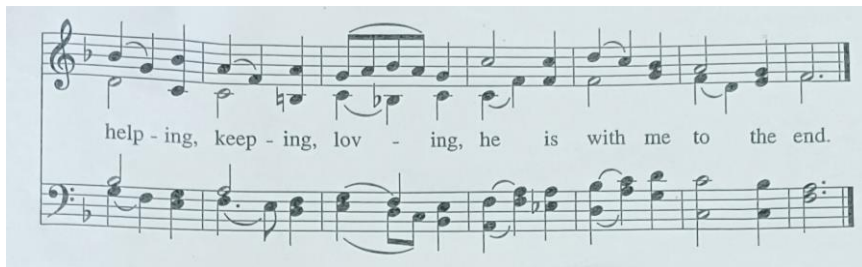
1 Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er
 2 Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -
 3 Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows
 4 Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest
 5 Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in

of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
 self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
 o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
 still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
 him I find, he has grant - ed me for - give - ness,

Refrain

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 he, my Strength, my vic - tory wins.
 he, my Com - fort, helps my soul. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a
 he, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.
 I am his, and he is mine.

Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing



THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

TODAY SUNDAY, MARCH 10

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer. Week 4 of "Journey to the Cross" OGHS will be collected.

MONDAY, MARCH 11

8:00AM 1:00PM Office Hours
7PM Darts @ Bethany vs. First UCC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

7PM Consistory in FH

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

8:00AM 11:00AM Office Hours

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

10:45AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Dave DeRemer. Joyful Noise offering will be collected

O Love, How Deep, How Broad 244

EPIPHANY

1 O Love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed, for us he taught, for us his
 4 For us to e - vil power be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy: that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and
 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 deep, so high, so broad - the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 cross and death, for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to com - fort, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.



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:
