



Bethany United Methodist Church
The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
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BETHANY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 13, 2022
10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME, GUESTS! We're glad you are worshiping with us today!
CELL PHONES: *Please remember to silence your cell phone before the service begins. Thank you.*
**Please stand as you are able. And it's okay to sit.*

Intrada *O the Lamb* UMH No. 300

Welcome and Announcements, Sharing Joys, Concerns, and Updates Pastor Paul Song

***Call to Worship** Clair Hillard

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
People: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow;
Leader: though they are red like crimson,
People: they shall become like wool.
All: Let us come, and worship God in spirit and truth.

***Hymn** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* UMH No. 140

***Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH No. 882

Opening Prayer Clair Hillard

O God, your glory is always to have mercy.
Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* *Prayer of St. Francis*
Adapted by Sebastian Temple

Children's Church Kris Kent
(Children 4 yrs. old through 3rd grade are dismissed as congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me.")

Concerns and Prayer of Intercession, petition "Lord, hear our prayer." Pastor Paul Song

VOLUNTEERS SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:
Media: Jeremy Nardozi, Beth Cook, Susannah Hogge, Cathy Raines, Kirk Bell
Altar Guild this month: Pauline Reimold, Paul Kendall, Lynne Barnes
Liturgist: Clair Hillard
Trustee Contact this week: M. E. Thomas
Ushers: Milton Hudgins, Jon Kent
Greeters: Charlotte Cecil, David Ayers
Counting Team: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard

STEWARDSHIP	
Stewardship and Attendance numbers will return next week. Thanks for your continued generosity to the missions and ministries of Bethany UMC.	
ATTENDANCE	
We're glad you're here today!	

UPCOMING COUNTING TEAMS	
3/20	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
3/27	Team 2: Bernard Robins, Fred Niethamer, Sandra Harvey
4/3	Team 3: Al Burner, Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
4/10	Team 4: Doris Luther, Debbie Robins, Susan Rollins

BUMC STAFF DIRECTORY

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Kris Kent, Director of Children & Youth Ministries	office 804.642-2110, cell: 804.815.4246 email: youth@bethanyumc-gp.org	Office hours: Tues.-Thurs.. 9-1

Meditation	Chorale: “O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless” Partita on “O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless,” from <i>Eighteen Chorales</i> , BWV 656 “O Lamb of God, pure, spotless, Who on the cross did languish, Who suffered man’s unkindness And knew the bitterest anguish: Our sins Thou did bear for us, Else hell had triumphed o’er us. Have mercy on us, O Jesus. Thy peace give to us, O Jesus!” -- Nikolaus Decius (1531)	Anonymous (1542) Johann Sebastian Bach (21 March 1685-1750)
Offering and Offertory Prayer		
Offertory Music	<i>Londonderry Air</i> Celebrating St. Patrick’s Day	Irish Folk Song
*Doxology		UMH No. 95
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Prayer of Illumination		Clair Hillard
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.		
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 49:14-21	Clair Hillard
*Gospel Reading	Luke 13:31-35	
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	“Under the Wings”	Pastor Paul Song
*Hymn	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	UMH No. 396
*Benediction		Pastor Paul Song
Exodus	<i>Be Thou My Vision (Slane)</i>	Ancient Irish Song

Bethany UMC Prayer List		BETHANY FAMILY	3.13.22
CANCER/CHEMO: Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen GRIEVING: Families of Woody Brown, Katherine Jordan, Nancy Smith HEALTH ISSUES: Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Dylan Chapin & family, Bessie Conner, Billy Davis, Jim Durette, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Bonnie Lewis , Marshall Lewis, Sue Morecock, Peggy Peterman (NC), Debbie Robins, Rosemarie Tong, Sandie Wharen HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Alice McGee, Jack Wallace HOSPICE: Matt Shackelford PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, Chuck Ashe, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Sandra Byrd, Shelton Glaze, Sandra Harvey, Joy Long, Alice Northam, Dickie Poland, Jim Stevens RECUPERATING AT HOME: Isabella Wheat, Judy Vaughan			
BETHANY FRIENDS			
CANCER/CHEMO: Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Roger Ferguson, Traci Greene, Carissa (Cari) Harrington, Zachary Hoover, John Rhodes, Angie Williams (NY), Susan Williams, Sabrina Wikle GRIEVING: Families of Sandy Austin, Michelle Brown, Gwendolyn Ward Callis, Barry McDade, Terri Ervi, Martin Kulik, Doug Mattox (MO), Amy Pierro HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Cindy Albertson, Soren Andrews, Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Phil Boykin, Les Breen, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Herbert Paul Edwards (FL), Dewayne Haywood, Lynne Freeman, Peggy Kearney, Debbie Potter (FL), Mathew Reviere, Tim Sullivan, Mildred Townsend, Tene West, Betty Wilson HOSPICE: William Ervi PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY) RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Dorothy Brown, Boone Kohen, Sue McCloy (WV), Dottie Myers (PA), Jeff Suntken, Sandy Taylor, Larry Wilkinson PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall			
BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)			
<i>Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.</i>			
ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)			
Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061		Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 105 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 113	
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061		Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A	
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235		Pauline Harris, Apt. 130	
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149		Jennie Lipscomb	
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061		Ellis Hall, Rm 20	

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE (Adult) —We have combined the Faith Class and the Lacey Martin Classes. We are meeting in the Lacey Martin room at approximately 11:15 a.m. I am teaching this class, and we are using the traditional Cokesbury Sunday School material. If you are interested in joining a small group setting and becoming more familiar with the Holy Scriptures, please come and join us. — *Alan Harvey*

NOTE ON MUSIC FOR LENT

“A musical Bible, unrivaled and inimitable” is how Samuel Wesley described the work of Johann Sebastian Bach. In 1808, when these words were penned by the son of Methodist hymn writer Charles Wesley, Bach’s compositions were performed and appreciated by only a small circle of connoisseurs. With his revival in 1829 of the *Saint Matthew Passion*, the greatest musical setting of the Crucifixion narrative, one century after its première, Felix Mendelssohn began to reveal the towering stature of Bach to a wider audience.

Today, anticipating the 337th anniversary of his birth on March 21st, we stand amazed in the presence of this mortal who created an entire musical universe dedicated *S.D.G. – soli Deo gloria* (“to the glory of God alone”) – as Bach initialed thousands of manuscripts. Is it mere coincidence that the birthday of God’s chief musician occurs at the beginning of Spring, this season of rebirth and renewal?

Our Lenten Meditation this morning is one of Bach’s most profoundly spiritual compositions, his magisterial setting of the *Agnus Dei*. Derived from *John* 1: 29 and added to the Catholic Mass in the 7th century for the rite of Holy Communion, the text consists of three acclamations:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

(Lamb of God, who takes away the world’s sins, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the world’s sins, grant us peace.)

Bach’s setting of the Agnus Dei is based on the melody of the Protestant chorale (or hymn) *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* (“O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless,” 1542). Bach composed three variations corresponding to three stanzas of the hymn. The third variation features some powerfully graphic tone painting: for example, to portray the verse “Our sins Thou did bear for us,” Bach makes the printed notes outline the three crosses on Golgotha.



This type of symbolism, which cannot really be *heard*, is sometimes called “eye music”! Quite evident to the ear, however, is the dissonant harmony Bach employs to create a mood of intense anguish at the penultimate line, “Thy peace give to us, O Jesus!” But this painful impression is quickly dissolved by a burst of musical sunlight at the last line, “Thy peace grant to us, O Jesus!” Here, as Dr. Albert Schweitzer remarks, “*O Lamm Gottes* concludes with an ascending cadence as if the heavenly messengers — after bringing the prayed for peace — were returning to their own kingdom.”

— Rudy Shackelford

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY		
TODAY	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class (WBFH)
Tuesday, March 15	10:00 a.m.	135th Anniversary Committee (WBFH)
	3:00 p.m.	DEADLINE: April Banner Submissions
	6:00 p.m.	York River Villas (Lacey Martin)
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Council (WBFH)
Wednesday, March 16	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	AARP Tax Aide (Lacey Martin—by appt. only)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 17	9:00 a.m. til noon	Bazaar Workshop (WBFH)
	10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle (Mary Lotsey)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEADLINE for April Banner articles is March 15.

HOME BOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking once again for our shut-ins on **March 21 at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to help! Always need folks to deliver!

Bible Buddies and Youth Group will gather on **Sunday, March 20** for a special afternoon! We will meet at 1:30 in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall for a mini service project then leave to attend the 3:00 p.m. performance of “The Sound of Music” to offer our support to three of our Bethany family members! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. See Ms. Kris for more information.

Our trip to The Museum of The Bible in Washington, DC was a wonderful success. We had 10 kids and 8 adults learn, experience, have fun and grow! We will be having a slide show and share some thoughts about our day together during our “Youth Participation Sunday Worship Service” on March 26, 2022.

“24 Hours That Changed the World,” is 7-day Bible study during Holy Week, April 11-17, both in-person and on Zoom. Sign-up sheets are located at both entrances of the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Paul for details, pastor@bethanyumc-gp.org or 703-625-8025.

