

# bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

## **Bethany Christian Church is an open and affirming congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**

*Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. (Romans 15:7).*

*We at Bethany Christian Church are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ seeking to learn the word, live the grace, and share the love, we welcome ALL to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us with grace and unconditional love and acceptance. So, with open hearts, open minds, and open doors, Bethany Christian Church acknowledges, accepts, and affirms ALL people as equal children of God and affirms OUR commitment to welcome and accept ALL people. Therefore, regardless of race, nationality, culture, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status, physical and mental ability, marital standing, or any other designation of individuals who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination by the church and society, ALL are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and mission of our church.*

Visit Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance (<https://disciplesallianceq.org/>) to learn more!

**AllianceQ**  
Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance

**Prelude** **Music Team**  
**The Lighting of the Candles** **Acolytes**  
**Welcome** **Rev. Michelle**  
**\*Passing of Christ's Peace** **Rev. Michelle**

One: May Christ's Peace be with you all!  
**Many: And also, with you.**

**Announcements** **Meichelle Paulson**  
**\*Invitation to Worship** **Meichelle Paulson**

One: We come to worship with what we have:  
**MANY: Not silver or gold, but the power of a name.**  
One: The name of Jesus is "God saves."  
**MANY: When we give what we have, healing happens.**  
One: When we give what we have, the gospel grows. Let us pray.

**\*Unison Prayer of Invocation** **Meichelle Paulson**

**All: God of power and compassion, you have called us to leap to our feet in praise. You strengthen us for continuing Jesus' work. We thank you for making us whole and including us in your plan of salvation. We know that with your help we will bring healing and amazement in the name of your son. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn** **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"** **#234**  
**(vv. 2-4 )**

**Children's Moment** **Danielle Russell**

**Song** **"More Precious Than Silver" (twice)** **Music Team**

**Scripture** **Acts 3:1-11** **Meichelle Paulson**

One: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.**

**Pastoral Prayer** **Rev. Michelle**

**The Lord's Prayer** (using Trespasses) (Matthean, KJV) **Congregation**

**ALL: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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. Amen.**

<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Offering</b>		
<b>*Doxology #46</b>		<b>Amy Duncan</b>
	<b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!</b>	
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Special Song</b>	<b>“Ain’t No Grave” by Bethel Music</b>	<b>Music Team</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>When We Give What We Have</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Invitation to Discipleship</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>*Song</b>	<b>“In Remembrance of Me”</b>	<b>#403</b>
<b>Service of Communion</b>		
	<b>Invitation to our Lord’s Table</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
	<b>Blessing of Elements</b>	<b>John Rich</b>
	<b>Words of Institution</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
	<b>Passing &amp; Sharing of Elements</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>*Benediction</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
	<b>One: Go forth, healed and giving wholeness in Jesus’ name. ALL: We go, amazed and amazing, as witnesses of God’s salvation. Amen.</b>	
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<b>“Thine Is the Glory” (vv. 1 &amp; 3)</b>	<b>#218</b>
	<b>*Please rise in body or in spirit.</b>	

## Prayer List

If you have any joys or prayer concerns or have someone to be removed from the list, please send them to [bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com](mailto:bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com)

### **We continue to hold in prayer:**

Katie Kelly	Debby Miller	Caroline Ashby	Stevie Chivlare
Peter Thorp	Steve Cox	Michelle Gilles	Jeff Main
Mary Jane Hunt	Sheila Smith	Lisa Russell	Myra Woolsey
Nancy Slaton	Dave Cox	Stacy Baier	Wes & JoAnn Mitchell
Cale Harper	Nancy McGuyer	Ron Dennis	Lisa King
Julia Wood	Donna Harper	John Bunner	Frank Rynkiewich
Ruth & Joe Lenko	Steve Buckert	Barb Hester	

## Upcoming Dates

Sunday April 14, 2024 – O & A Meeting (before service) 9:00 a.m.

Monday April 15, 2024 – Saturday April 20, 2024 – Pastor on Vacation

Tuesday April 16, 2024 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday April 17, 2024 – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Sunday April 21, 2024 – Birthday & Anniversaries Offering.

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Minster of Outreach	Jeff Main	Keyboard	Amy Duncan
Children's Moment	Danielle Russell		

**Those Serving today:** Elder John Rich, Liturgist Michelle Paulson & W&W (Storyteller) Jean Page

**Those Serving next Sunday, April 21, 2024:** Elder Jean Page , Liturgist Barb Hester & W&W (Storyteller) Danielle Russell

Learn the **Word** - Live the **Grace** - Share the **Love**