

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**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!

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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		John Sterne
*Invitation to Worship		John Sterne
One: As God gives, as Jesus gives, we also must give.		
MANY: We give God's love as revealed in Jesus.		
One: God's gift of eternal life is that all may know God and the one God sent.		
MANY: We proclaim and live the gospel so all may be one.		
One: Let us pray.		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		John Sterne
All: Generous God, you have prepared us to be your gifts to searching and troubled people. You have made us to be one just as you and Jesus are one. Thank you for helping us to reveal your truth so all people may know you and your love. We pray this in the name of your son, Jesus. AMEN.		
*Opening Hymn	"To God Be the Glory"	#72
Children's Moment		Danielle Russell
Song	"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"	#422
Scripture	John 16:25 – 17:5	John Sterne
	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.		

Invitation to Generosity		Rev. Michelle
Offering		
*Doxology #46		Amy Duncan
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God, above, ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!	
*Prayer of Dedication		Rev. Michelle
Special Song	“The Cause of Christ” by Kari Jobe	Music Team
Message	The Beginning of Eternal Life John 17:6-24	Rev. Michelle
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	“We Place upon Your Table, Lord”	#417
Service of Communion		
	Invitation to our Lord’s Table	Rev. Michelle
	Blessing of Elements	Barb Hester
	Words of Institution	Rev. Michelle
	Passing & Sharing of Elements	Congregation
*Benediction		Rev. Michelle
	*Please stand in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing	
	One: Go from this place living the love of God. ALL: Through our work, all will receive the gift of eternal life.	
*Closing Song	“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vv. 1 & 2)	#614
*Exit	God bless and have a wonderful week!	Matt Rundle

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

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 May 12, 2024 – **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**, Block Party Offering.

Monday May 13, 2024 – GEY Snacks 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 14, 2024 – Tai-Chi 4:00 p.m., GEY Snacks 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 15, 2024 – Bible Study 5:30 p.m.

Thursday May 16, 2024 – Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Sunday May 19, 2024 – O & A Meeting 9:00 a.m., Pentecost Offering, Birthday & Anniversaries Offering, Church Board Meeting (after service).

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		
Additional Band Members	Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, and John Rich		

Those Serving today: Elder Barb Hester, Liturgist John Sterne & W&W (Storyteller) Sheri Cox

Those Serving next Sunday, May 19, 2024: Elder Vanessa Wagler, Liturgist Jean Page & W&W (Storyteller) Danielle Russell

Learn the Word - Live the Grace - Share the Love