

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

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
Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)		Acolyte
Welcome		Rev. Michelle
*Passing of Christ's Peace		Rev. Michelle
One: May Christ's Peace be with you!		
MANY: And also, with you.		
Announcements		Deena Gibson
*Invitation to Worship		Deena Gibson
One: Today we join the disciples in celebration.		
MANY: Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!		
One: Not everyone recognizes God's anointed, riding humbly on a colt. Some call for silence.		
MANY: We will not be quiet! Our shouts of joy prepare the way for Jesus.		
One: Let us pray.		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		Deena Gibson
ALL: Lord God, we come to you as imperfect people, yet the gift of your grace makes our joy possible. As we celebrate the son of your salvation, we know that dark times lie before us. Thank you for inspiring our joy and sharing our grief as we wait for your resurrection. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.		
*Opening Song	"Pave the Way With Branches"	Music Team
Children's Moment:		John Rich
Song	"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (vv. 1, 2, & 4)	#191
Scripture	Luke 19:28-40	Deena Gibson
	One: The Word of God for the people of God.	
	ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Michelle
The Lord's Prayer (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 Collection		Ushers
*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
Message	Irrepressible Joy	Rev. Michelle
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	“When You Do This, Remember Me”	#400
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord’s Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Tandy Jones
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
Holy Week Cantata	“Not My Will, But Yours” (by Lloyd Larson and Ed Hogan)	Bethany Choir
*Benediction		Rev. Michelle
	Please stand in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.	
	One: May the joy of your salvation outlast your fear and grief. ALL: Our joy remains, for God leads us to resurrection.	
*Closing Song	“Were You There”	#198
*Exit	God bless and have a wonderful week!	Matt

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
Steve Appel	Michelle Gilles	Myra Woolsey	Jordan & Melanie Rundle
Mary Jane Hunt	Sheila Smith	Lisa Russell	Wes & JoAnn Mitchell
Nancy Slaton	Dave Cox	Stacy Baier	Family & Friends of Diane Huett
Cale Harper	Nancy McGuyer	Ron Dennis	Family of John Cheadle
Frank Rynkiewich	Steve Cox	John Bunner	Family of Gary Dorsey
Ruth & Joe Lenko	Angie Moers	Lisa King	Mary & Mike Pruiett
Jeff Main	Steve Buckert	Donna Harper	Barb Hester
Julia Wood	Nita Cox	Linda Appel	Nancy Boner

Upcoming Dates

Sunday April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday, Easter Special Offering, Holy Week Cantata.
Monday April 14, 2025 – GEY Role Play Club 5:00-8:00 p.m., GEY Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 15, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m., Dream Center Pizza Party 5:30 p.m., & Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 16, 2025 – Bible Study 10:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m., Keenagers 11:30 a.m. (Dana's Italian Beef and will be stuffing easter eggs for the hunt), & Choir 6:30 p.m.
Thursday April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 p.m.
Friday April 18, 2025 – Good Friday Service 6:00 p.m.
Saturday April 19, 2025 – Easter Egg Hunt 2:00 p.m.
Sunday April 20, 2025 – Elder's Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Easter Special Offering, Birthday & Anniversary Offering.

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Children's Moment	John Rich	Keyboard	Amy Duncan
Additional Band Members	Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne		

Those Serving Today: **Elder:** Tandy Jones, **Liturgist:** Deena Gibson, **Deacons:** John Sterne & Deena Gibson, & **W&W (Storyteller):** Vanessa Wagler

Those Serving Next Sunday, April 20, 2025: **Elder:** Steve Appel, **Liturgist:** Barb Hester, **Deacons:** John Sterne & Deena Gibson, & **W&W (Storyteller):** ????

Learn the Word - Live the Grace - Share the Love