

# bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



learn the **word**  
live the **grace**  
share the **love**

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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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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!

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<b>Prelude</b>	<b>“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” “Feed Your Sheep” by Tommy Walker</b>	<b>Music Team #222</b>
<b>Lighting of the Candles</b> (Bringing in the Light of Christ)		<b>Acolyte</b>
<b>Welcome</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>*Passing of Christ’s Peace</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!		
<b>MANY: And also, with you.</b>		
<b>Mental Wellness Moment – Mindfulness</b>		<b>Rev Michelle</b>
<b>*Invitation to Worship</b>		<b>Betty Barchet</b>
One: Here we rejoice in God’s presence.		
<b>MANY: We are eager to hear what happens next.</b>		
One: When we follow the call of Jesus, we ARE what happens next.		
<b>MANY: Written for us and through us, God’s story of salvation never ends.</b>		
One: Let us pray.		
<b>*Unison Prayer of Invocation</b>		<b>Betty Barchet</b>
<b>ALL: Eternal God, we thank you for guiding us to goodness. With your help, we will offer your good to the people of our world. Thank you for Jesus, who lives in us as your way, your truth and your life. It is in his name we pray. Amen</b>		
<b>Children’s Song</b>	<b>“This Little Light of Mine”</b>	<b>Music Team</b>
<b>Children’s Moment</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“He Knows My Name” by Tommy Walker</b>	
<b>Scripture</b>	John 21:1-14	<b>Betty Barchet</b>
	One: The Word of God for the people of God.	
	<b>ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD. AMEN.</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b> (Matthean, KJV)		<b>Congregation</b>
	<b>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>	

<b>Invitation to Generosity</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Offering Collection</b>		<b>Deacons</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>“Feed My Sheep” by Tommy Walker</b>	<b>Music Team</b>
<b>Message</b>	<b>The Un-Ending John 21:15-19</b>	<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Invitation to Discipleship</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>*Song</b>	<b>“Alleluia! Hear God’s Story”</b>	<b>#330</b>
<b>Service of Communion</b>		
<b>Invitation to our Lord’s Table</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Blessing of Elements</b>		<b>Terresa Austin</b>
<b>Words of Institution</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
<b>Passing &amp; Sharing of Elements</b>		<b>Congregation</b>
<b>*Closing Song</b>	<b>“He Knows My Name” by Tommy Walker “Come Christians Join to Sing</b>	<b>Music Team #90</b>
<b>*Blessing</b>		<b>Rev. Michelle</b>
	<b>Please rise in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.</b>	
	<b>One: As you live, Jesus lives. ALL: As we follow the call of Christ, we continue the story of God’s salvation.</b>	
<b>*Exit</b>	<b>God bless and have a wonderful week!</b>	<b>Matt Rundle</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:**

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

## Upcoming Dates

Sunday May 4, 2025 – Food Pantry Offering, Elder’s Meeting after Worship

Tuesday May 6, 2025 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday May 7, 2025 – Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday May 8, 2025 – Board Game Night 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday May 11, 2025 – Mother’s Day , Rev Mark Sirnic Preaching

Monday May 12, 2025 – GEY RPG Club 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., GEY Dinner 6:00 p.m.

**\*\*\*\*\* Monday May 5 thru Sunday May 11 Pastor will be on Retreat\*\*\*\*\***

## ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Pianist	Amy Duncan		
Band Members: Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, Jean Page, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne			

**Serving Today:** **Elder:** Terresa Austin, **Liturgist:** Betty Barchet, **Deacons:** TBD & Trent Perry, & **Children’s Worship and Wonder Storyteller:** Sheri Cox

**Serving Next Sunday, May 11, 2025:** **Elder:** Vanessa Wagler, **Liturgist:** Shawn Sterne, **Deacons:** Sheri Cox & Trent Perry, & **Children’s Worship and Wonder Storyteller:** Jean Page

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**Our Identity:** *Bethany Christian Church is a loving family of Christians, faithfully serving God and caring for others as we seek to support the wellbeing and spiritual growth of all people.*

**Our Values:** *We are driven by the values of love, welcome, and care for all. We practice the radical inclusion of Jesus who crossed boundaries of faith and convention to serve, empower, and embrace everyone.*