

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Pentecost

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
	“We Are Free”	
	“Creator God, Creating Still” (vv. 1-3)	#62
Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)		Acolyte
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Michelle
*Passing of Christ’s Peace		Rev. Michelle
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!		
MANY: And also, with you.		
Mental Wellness Moment: Sharing the Good News		Rev Michelle
*Invitation to Worship		Chris Gibson
One: Today we remember the church’s beginning.		
MANY: As it did on the first believers, God’s Spirit of life rests upon us.		
One: Tongues of fire let us speak the many languages of God’s love.		
MANY: Let the Spirit of the Holy One blow through us until all see God’s face.		
One: Let us pray.		
*Unison Prayer of Invocation		Chris Gibson
ALL: God of creation, in your wisdom you have filled the world with life of infinite variety. With your help, we will reveal the beauty and goodness of everything you have made. Thank you for using us to remove any obstruction to your Spirit of provision and renewal and empowering us to serve you in Jesus’ name. Amen		
Children’s Song	“This Little Light of Mine”	Music Team
Children’s Moment		Rev. Michelle
Song	“Sojourner Truth Came to Set People Free”	Music Team
Scripture	Psalm 104:1, 10-23	Chris 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		Deacons
*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	“All Good Gifts Around Us” by Stephen Schwartz	Music Team
Message	The Spirit of Creation Psalm 104:24-35	Rev. Michelle
Invitation to Discipleship		Rev. Michelle
*Song	“Gather Us In” (vv. 1–3)	#284
Service of Communion		
Invitation to our Lord’s Table		Rev. Michelle
Blessing of Elements		Steve Appel
Words of Institution		Rev. Michelle
Passing & Sharing of Elements		Congregation
*Closing Song	“We Call Ourselves Disciples” (vv. 1 & 3)	#357
*Blessing		Rev. Michelle
	Please rise in body or spirit and join with me in our closing Blessing.	
	One: Go forward, created and renewed by the Spirit of God. ALL: Empowered by tongues of fire, we will make way for all to receive God’s gift of life.	
	“We Call Ourselves Disciples” (v. 4)	#357
*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:

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, Shawn Sterne, Julia Wood, Myra Woolsey

Upcoming Dates

Sunday June 8, 2025 – Pentecost Special Offering

Thursday June 12, 2025 – Midday Meditation 12:00 p.m., Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

Friday June 13, 2025 – Board Game Night 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday June 14, 2025 – Labyrinth Meditation Outing at Harmonist Labyrinth in Newburgh (1239 Main St.) at 10:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

Sunday June 15, 2025 – Father's Day, Birthday & Anniversary Offering.

*******PASTOR MICHELLE AT CHURH CAMP JUNE 16 THRU 21*******

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:** Steve Appel, **Liturgist:** Chris Gibson, **Deacons:** Meichelle Paulson & Sue King, & **Children's Worship and Wonder Storyteller:** Sheri Cox

Serving Next Sunday, June 15, 2025: **Elder:** Nancy Boner, **Liturgist:** Jean Page, **Deacons:** Meichelle Paulson & Sue King, & **Children's Worship and Wonder Storyteller:** Vanessa Wagler

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

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.*