

bethany christian church (disciples of christ)



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Wi-Fi: Bethany Christian Guest

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Sixth 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

Lighting of the Candles (Bringing in the Light of Christ)

Acolyte

Welcome

Rev. Michelle

***Passing of Christ's Peace**

Rev. Michelle

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

MANY: And also, with you

Announcements

Matt Rundle

Ministry Moment

Mission & Outreach

Michelle Rundle & Jim Jones

Opening Hymns

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

#699

"Spirit Song"

#352

***Invitation to Worship**

Meichelle Paulson

One: We come to worship, gathered by God.

MANY: As we gather, we feel the presence of Jesus.

One: We have not been orphaned; we do not reach for an unknown god.

MANY: By love we receive the spirit of truth and live in the Lord as the Lord lives in us.

One Let us pray.

***Unison Prayer of Invocation**

Meichelle Paulson

ALL: Loving God, we know your presence cannot be contained by sanctuaries or revealed by things made by human hands. Thank you for showing yourself in acts of love and sending your Spirit to be our Advocate, helper, and companion. Thank you for abiding in us, among us, and through us in Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Song

"This Little Light of Mine"

Music Team

v. 1 – This little light of mine...

v. 2 – Hide it under a bushel? NO!

Children's Moment

Rev. Michelle

Song

"Take My Life" (vv. 1, 2, & 5)

#609

Scripture

John 14:15-21

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 (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

**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

**"No Greater Love"
by Matt Maher**

Music Team

Message

**The Love We Receive
Acts 17:22-31**

Rev. Michelle

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Michelle

***Song**

"I Come with Joy" (vv. 1, 2, & 4)

#420

Service of Communion

**Invitation to our Lord's Table
Blessing of Elements
Words of Institution
Passing & Sharing of Elements**

**Rev. Michelle
Nancy Boner
Rev. Michelle
Congregation**

***Closing Song**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vv. 1 & 2)

#517

***Invitation to Prayer**

Rev. Michelle

***Blessing**

Rev. Michelle

One: Receive the gift of love from the ones who offer it.

ALL: Freely and in many ways, we give as we receive. Amen.

***Closing Song**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 3)

#517

***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, Steve Buckert, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Dave Cox, Nita Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Pat Griffin, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Lisa King, Debby Miller, JoAnn Mitchell, Carolyn Patten, Shelia Smith

Upcoming Dates

Sunday May 10, 2026 – **Mother's Day**, Sunday Social 9:00 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

Monday May 11, 2026 – GEY RPG Club 5-8 p.m., GEY Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 12, 2026 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Thursday May 14, 2026 – Open Table Worship 5:30 p.m., Art Journeys 6:30 p.m.

Sunday May 17, 2026 – Sunday Social 9:00 a.m., Birthday & Anniversary Offering.

Monday May 18, 2026 – Dana out of the Office, GEY Crochet Club 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday May 19, 2026 – Tai Chi 4:00 p.m.

Thursday May 21, 2026 – Art Journeys 6:00 p.m.

REMINDER MAY IS DIGITAL CHURCH BOARD MEETING

ENTER TO WORSHIP – LEAVE TO SERVE

Pastor	Rev. Michelle Brown	Secretary/Bookkeeper	Dana Johnson
Minster of Music	Matt Rundle	Custodian	Linda Moore
Pianist	Summer Bennett		

Band Members: Chris Gibson, Mason Hammonds, Jean Page, John Rich, and Shawn Sterne
The Chalice Members: Brayden Cosby, Mason Hammonds, Evan Lackey, and Damian Rodriguez

Serving Today: **Elder:** Nancy Boner, **Liturgist:** Meichelle Paulson, **Deacons:** John Sterne, & Trent Perry

Serving Next Sunday, May 17, 2026: **Elder:** Jean Page, **Liturgist:** Adrienne Jones, **Deacons:** John Sterne, & Trent Perry

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.