

BETHANY MEMORIAL CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
May 21, 2023 10:45 am
7th Sunday of Easter

*Here in Bethany, where paths cross and journeys begin,
we rejoice in God's love and grace and
our belief in Jesus Christ.*

BMC Vision Statement

PRELUDE Vicki NeCastro

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS David George

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP David George

L: The steadfast love of God never ceases.

All: Your mercies never come to an end.

L: They are new every morning.

All: Great is your faithfulness.

L: Let us continue our worship to God

***HYMN OF PRAISE #16 vv. 1 & 3**

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

***INVOCATION** David George

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father/Mother 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 debts as we forgive
our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

All exchange words and signs of God's peace

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Erin James-Brown

SCRIPTURE David George

Acts 1:6-14 (NRSVUE)

SPECIAL MUSIC Brenda Hart & Vicki NeCastro

SERMON Rev. Erin James-Brown

"The Ends of the Earth"

HYMN OF DEDICATION #480 vv. 1 & 2

"I Love to Tell the Story"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

SPECIAL OFFERING – PENTECOST OFFERING

CALL TO OFFERING David George

DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION #384 vv. 1 & 3

"Here at Thy Table, Lord"

**COMMUNION INVITATION
THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER**

Helen Moren

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION
FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION**

Rev. Erin James-Brown

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Erin James-Brown

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

***CLOSING HYMN #494 vv. 1,2 & 4**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

BENEDICTION

Rev. Erin James-Brown

POSTLUDE

Vicki NeCastro

**Please rise in body or spirit*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Rev. Erin James-Brown
Liturgist	David George
Elder	Helen Moren
Greeter	Karen McFadden
Music	Brenda Hart & Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Abby Ayers / Connie McVicar

PRAYER LIST

The men, women, and children of Ukraine
Earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey

Tammy Ritchea
May (Penny's Mother)
Pastor Janet Hellner-Burris (co-Pastor of Wilkinsburg Christian Church)
Hilary Miller
Roma (Brenda's Mother)
Judy Pyle
John Cole
Michael (brother-in-law of Vicki & Gerard NeCastro)
Bob and Sandy (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Joe Lovano
Carol Grimes
Vonnie Larson
Sarah Hunsberger (Anita Weaver's Mother)
Jennifer (niece of Gerard NeCastro)
Jeanne Cobb
Christina (sister of Gerard NeCastro)
Eldon Beery (Debra Hull's father)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Mary Wilson (former mother-in-law Holly)
Carole Cook
Elizabeth DeJong
Becky Ayers and Family
Rick Ehrhart & Sharon Zacherl (cousins of Vicki NeCastro)
MaryAnn Eisenhauer
Larissa and Hannah Holland (friends of Vicki NeCastro)
Debbie Guillony Geisler (sister-in-law of Jim McMillan)
Madeline Wilson
David Gnatek (brother-in-law of Holly Hillgardner)
The Tennant Family (friends of MaryAnn Eisenhauer)
Sharley Hillgardner (sister of Holly Hillgardner)
Butch Brown
Lynn (brother of Shirley Kemp)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do You Have Your Communion Elements Ready? If you need communion, please raise your hand and someone will get it to you. For those worshipping online with us, please remember to have your communion at hand or available for later in the service.

Offering – You may place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary, either upon entering the sanctuary or at the end of the service. You may also give online by clicking the "Donate" button at www.bmcwv.org or mail it in. Or use the QR code below.



Weekly Bible Study – Monday May 22, at 7:15 pm. The scriptures to be discussed are Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b. Brenda will lead the discussion.

MidWeek Prayer Meeting – Thursdays at 6:30 pm via Zoom. If you are a new participant, contact the church office for the Zoom link. If you have a prayer concern, email Connie at cmcvicar@bethanywv.edu

Pentecost with Beech Bottom Community Christian Church. Join us at the Old Meeting House on **Sunday, May 28 at 11:00 AM** for a joint worship service with our Christian siblings. Wear red to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit and bring a dish to share for a picnic lunch after worship in Bethany park at the bottom shelter.

Parents and children are invited to meet up and discuss family life in Bethany. Meet on **Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30** in the church basement. Pizza and juice boxes provided.

First Christian Church Lawrenceburg (DOC) will stay in the church from June 4-8. The church is working with DCHS and will bring 30 middle school students and adults to stay four nights in the BMC basement. Their Associate Pastor, Mike McColl, will lead the group.