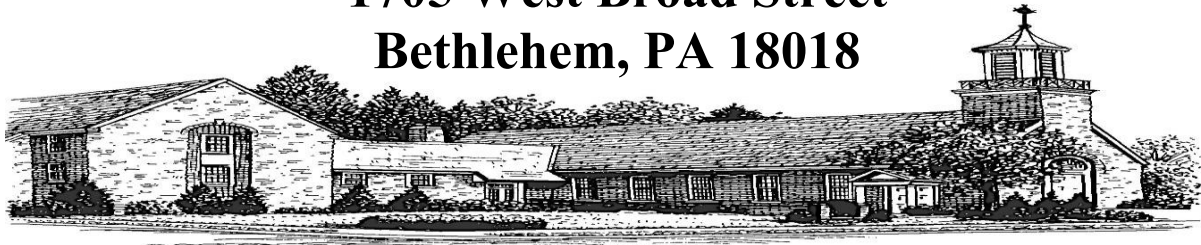


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**LITURGY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Mary Magdalene

And

James

July 20, 2025



OUR MISSION

Christ has called us together to do God's Work.

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is a safe place for all people to worship regardless of
race, creed, age, national origin,
cultural background, sexual orientation, class,
physical or mental ability.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector Peace be upon all who enter this house.

Lector Good Morning. My name is Carol Henn.
A warm welcome is extended to all. Especially those who are gathering at BT@R for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Today we observe the 6th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday. Everything you need to follow along with the worship Service can be found in your bulletin. Please join us for fellowship hour following the Gathering. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES AND CARE CANDLE

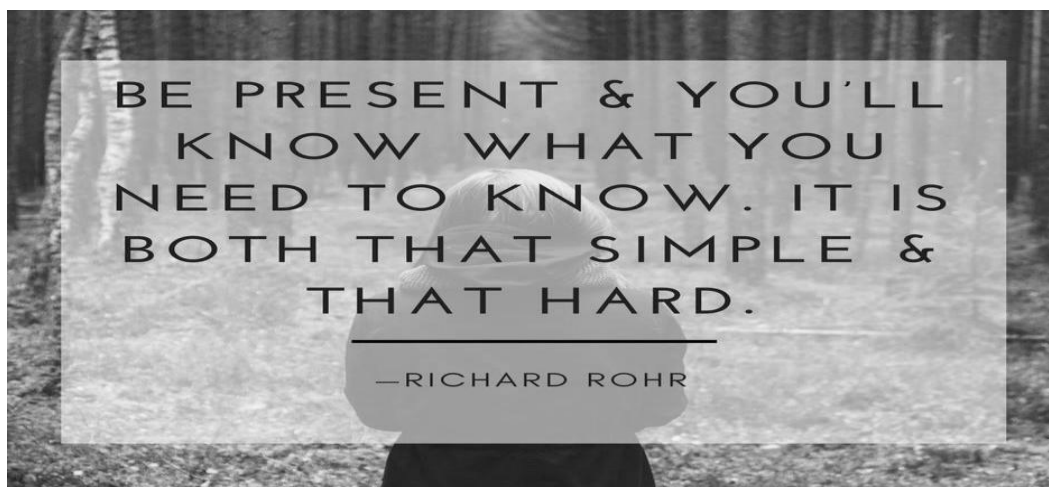
Leader For gathering today in this sacred space,
we light the flame.
For the opportunity to be together as a community,
we light the flame.

The Altar Candles and Care Candle are lit.

Pastor We light our candles to illuminate the world we seek.
A lit candle is a protest.
It is a non-conformist.
It says to the darkness, "I beg to differ." (*Indian Proverb/adapted*)

Assembly May it be so.

PRELUDE *As the Deer* - arranged by Johan Kim (b. 1973)



*The assembly stands for the Gathering Hymn,
Sentence, and Prayer of the Day.*

GATHERING HYMN

As the Deer

by Martin J. Nystrom

Sung first by the choir and then repeated by all.



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

SENTENCE AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader As we listen to the life of our city,
may we sense a Sacred Presence in
its murmuring rhythms,
its working and walking and talking,
its colors and faces and longings.

Pastor We pray:
Spirit of Life, bless us through this day
and through this life, till this day ends,
and a new day dawns.
May it be so.

Assembly Amen! May it be so!

The assembly may be seated for the readings.

OUR FIRST READINGS

Lector Sometimes the most powerful motivator is to slow the busyness of life to BE with God is a simple invitation, spoken straight from His Word. Bible verses to usher you into the Presence of God.

A reading from Isaiah

“The Sovereign Lord has given me his words of wisdom,
so that I know how to comfort the weary.
Morning by morning he awakens me
and opens my understanding to his will.” - *Isaiah 50:4*

A reading from Jeremiah

“Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” - *Jeremiah 33:3*

A reading from Psalm 46

“He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God.’” - *Psalm 46:10*

A reading from Psalm 42

“As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?” - *Psalm 42:1-2*

A reading from the Gospel of John

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” - *John 15:5*

A reading from Psalm 27

“My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!’
Your face, Lord, I will seek.” - *Psalm 27:8*

Being present with God is a conscious choice to focus on God's presence in the current moment, fostering a deeper connection and relationship with God. It involves intentionally setting aside distractions, quieting the mind, and engaging in practices like prayer, scripture study, and mindful awareness. This practice can lead to a greater sense of peace and guidance, and a more profound understanding of God's love and will.

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Lector A reading from the world around us.
Catholic priest Henri Nouwen writes of the joy we experience
through the love of God:

Lector Joy is a gift that is there even when we are sorrowful, even when we are
in pain, even when things are difficult in our lives. The joy that Jesus
offers is a joy that exists in very, very difficult situations....
What we have to start sensing is that in the spiritual life, joy is
embracing sorrow and happiness, pain and pleasure. It is deeper, fuller.
It is more. It is something that remains with us. It is something of God
that is very profound. It is something we can experience even when we
are in touch with very painful things in our lives. If there is anything the
church wants to teach us it is that the joy of God can be with us
always—in moments of sickness, in moments of health, in moments of
success, in moments of failure, in moments of birth, in moments of
death. The joy of God is never going to leave us....
When we can face our own painful situation, we will discover that
hidden in the pain is the treasure—a joy that is there for us to experience
here and now. It is very important that we get in touch with this. That is
what the spiritual life—the life with God—is about. It is being in touch
with that love that becomes joy in us.... Underneath all our fluctuations
is a deep solid divine stream that is called joy.

PSALMODY Psalm 15 Christopher L. Webber, Tune, *St. Peter*

Lord, who may dwell within your house
Or on your holy hill?
Those who do good and speak the truth,
Whose lives are blameless still;
Who have no guile upon their tongues
Nor harm their neighbor's life,
But honor those who fear the Lord
And turn away from strife;
Who do no wrong, but keep their word
And seek no bribe or gain;
All those who do such things shall live
And safe from harm remain.

A READING FROM THE WORLD AROUND US

Pastor A reading from the world around based on a Lecture *First Things First*
by Dr. Stephen R. Covey.

One day this expert was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration I'm sure those students will never forget. After I share it with you, you'll never forget it either.

As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered over-achievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

Then he smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again, he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

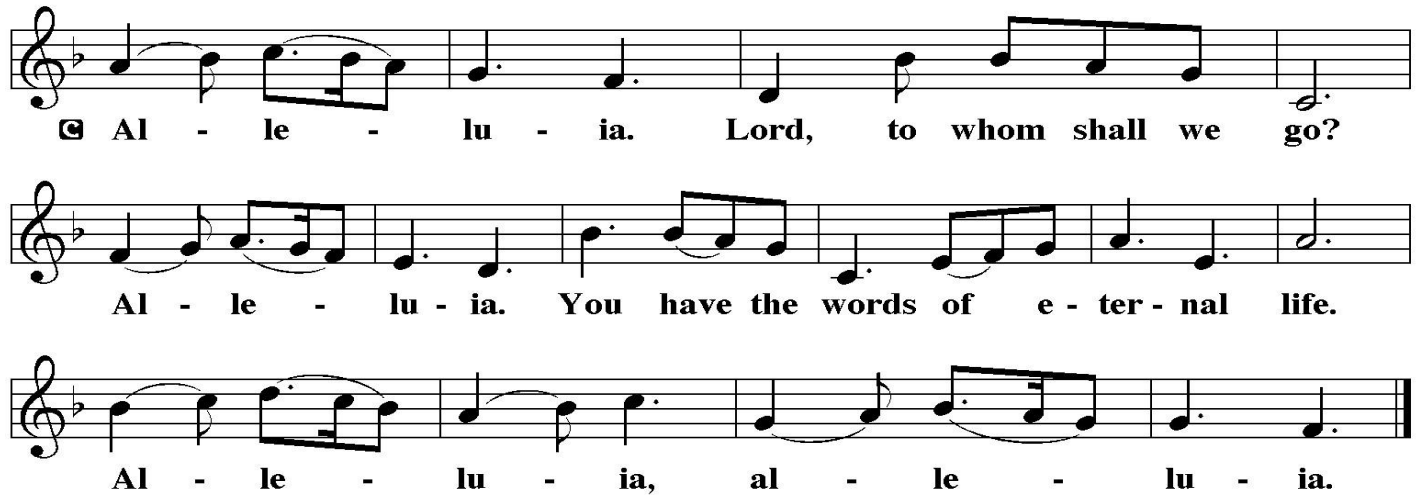
One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

What are the big rocks in your life? A project that you want to accomplish? Time with your loved ones? Your faith, your education, your finances? A cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these 'Big Rocks' in first or you'll never get them in at all.

God is right here right now.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

Pastor Reading from the Holy Gospel + as written to us by Luke.

Assembly Glory to you O God.

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so, she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Pastor This is Good News from the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated for the Sermon.

THE SERMON

Are you a Mary or a Martha?

How often have we heard that?

Are you a contemplative or a person of action?

Could it be that is a false choice, that each of us are both?

If we are to move forward as the church, as individuals,
we will have to draw on both within us!

The assembly stands as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY -Hymnal 519

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
- 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune

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The assembly may sit or kneel for prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector Let us pray for those far and near, people and places, powerful and powerless, all for whom we are concerned.

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OFFERTORY MUSIC *Serenity Found* - Lindsey Stirling; Jimmy Bleier, violin

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

Pastor Glory be to God who flows through all creation,
blessing us with gifts to share.

Assembly Blessed be God forever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor God's hope is in us.
 Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to God.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the God of peace.

Assembly It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Pastor It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and James and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor On the night in which he was betrayed,
Our Lord Jesus took bread,
And gave thanks; broke it,
And gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper,
He took the cup, gave thanks,
And gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
Shed for you and for all people
For the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Pastor We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
Assembly **God here among us,
Light in the midst of us,
Bring us to light and life.**

THE INVITATION

Pastor Come, bringing your varied faiths and backgrounds,
for all are welcome to share in the communion meal.

ALL ARE INVITED TO SHARE BREAD AND WINE

The assembly is invited to come forward using the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. The pastor will place the bread in your hand and the worship leader will offer you a chalice of wine or grape juice.

*Simply touch the bread to the wine
and return to your seat using the side aisle.*

If you do not wish to receive communion you may come forward for a blessing.

*If you have difficulty coming forward,
please inform the Pastor before the service, sit in the front pews,
or raise your hand during communion
and the bread and wine will be brought to you.*



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

O Savior, Precious Savior – Hymnal 820

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor – Hymnal 475

The assembly may stand as they are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakeable faith in the world you love.

Assembly Amen.

The Altar Candles are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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PARTING WORDS

Leader The presentness of the sacred reaches beyond this place...
 With faith to face our challenges,
 With love that casts out fear,
 With hope to trust tomorrow,

**Assembly We accept this day as the gift it is:
a reason for rejoicing.**

WORDS OF BLESSING

Pastor Go in courage and celebration!
And may all the faces of the Holy God
be turned towards you in love,
the earth itself speak to you of its creativity,
and who we are, each and all,
be honored in our authentic journeys.

Assembly Amen. May it be so!

POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Minor* - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Thank you for worshiping with us at BT@R today.
We are grateful for your presence and pray that you were blessed
by the service.



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FELLOWSHIP

Morning coffee and tea are now served.

You are invited upstairs to Laros Hall to share in this time of fellowship.

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Till We Meet Again

July 20, 2025 - Worship 9:30am

Coming Soon: Adult Study

Starting in September, Pastor Jack will be leading an adult study on *The Universal Christ*, a book by Richard Rohr. We will explore the book's central theme: that Christ is not just a historical figure, but a universal presence in all of creation. We will discuss Rohr's idea that recognizing this *Universal Christ* can transform our understanding of faith, God, and our place in the world. Since we need to purchase the books soon, please sign up by August 14th on the sheet on the bulletin board if you are interested in being a part of this fascinating study.

Happy Summer!

We are blessed to have you join us for worship. This is a great time of year to invite friends to attend worship with you.

If you see someone here today that you haven't seen before in worship, introduce yourself.

By starting off saying, "I don't think we have met yet," you won't be embarrassed if they have attended before.

Today's Worship Ministers

July 20, 2025

Acolyte – Jimmy Bleier
Altar Guild – Diane Case, Karen Koch
Assisting Minister – Kevin Remaly
Coffee Hour Hosts – Sandy Butch, Karen Schoch, Carolyn Galle, Karen Favinger, Louise Fielding
Communion Assistants – Karen Favinger, Nancy Kostas
Counters – Donna Machin, Tom Starrett, Bill Schellhaas
Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock
Greeters – Karen Koch, Sue Strawn
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Carol Henn
Ushers – Steve Pescek, Ron Leposa

July 27, 2025

Acolyte – Joan Erb
Altar Guild – Diane Case, Karen Koch
Assisting Minister – Charlie Kuhns
Coffee Hour Hosts – David Kolman, Pat Little, Dolores Kennedy, Rosemary Leposa, Sheila Novak
Communion Assistants – Kevin Remaly, Kenny Remaly
Counters – Pat Little, Mary Bender, Dolores Kennedy
Flower Delivery – Christine Horoschock
Greeters – Kenda Riley, Nancy Kostas
Key Attendant – Barry Sterner
Lector – Loree Kuhns
Ushers – Jean Finn, Kathy Gerhard

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This Week at BT@R

Sunday, July 20th:

9:30am Worship

10:45am Social Activities Committee Meeting

Monday, July 21st

12:00pm Ladies Luncheon (Perkins, 205 W 3rd St)

Tuesday, July 22nd:

7:00pm Scout Meeting (Lower-Level Hall)

Wednesday, July 23rd:

9:00am Christian Service Women (Community Service Room)

Sunday, July 27th:

9:30am Worship

11:15am God's Work Our Hands Committee Meeting (Pastor Jack's Office)

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