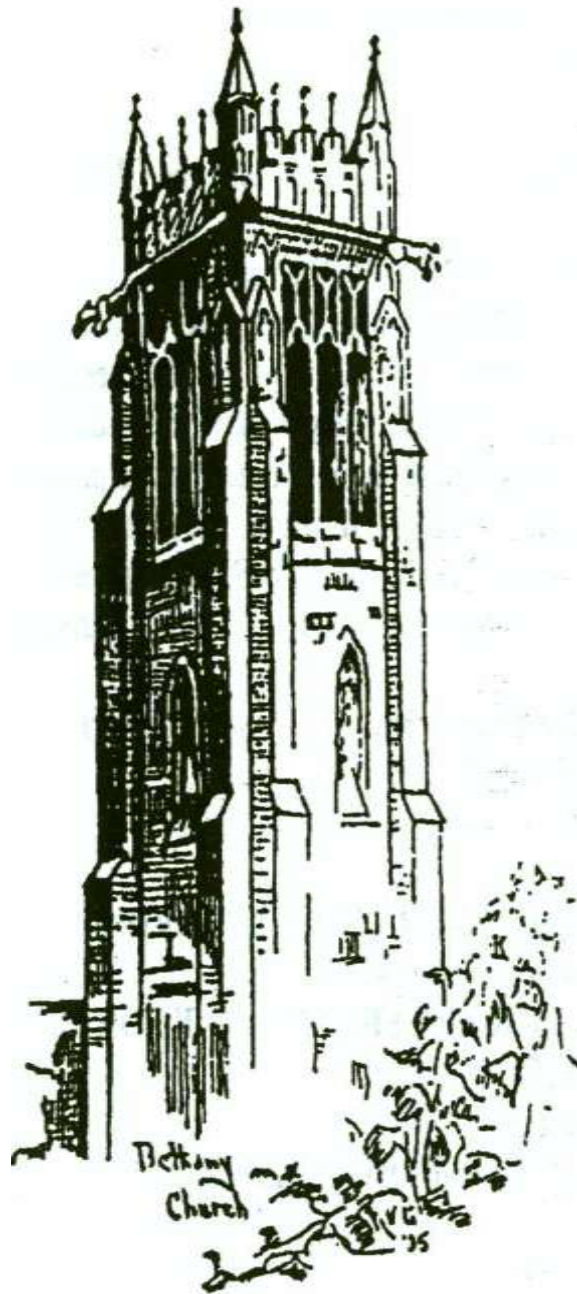


BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – Mothers' Day
May 9, 2021**

THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day
May 9, 2021

Prelude: "Grateful"

Hayes

Announcements:

Solo: "My Shepherd is the Living God"

(Psalm 23; John 10:11-27)

Paul Frazer

Call to Worship (Responsively):

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

No longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God

Prayer of Invocation (Unison):

Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love on this day. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN: "Come, Let us Join with Faithful Souls"
(See Insert)

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17
(See Insert)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON

"I'm God's Favorite ... and So Are You"
Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(See Insert)

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Great God of Might and Glory"

Smith

The Worship is over. The service begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Kara Lindsay Mikami, Kinya and Ruth Mikami and Paul and Vivian Miller by their family

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May 9 th	Sunday	Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page)	9:30 AM
MAY 10 th	Monday	Diaconate Meeting (Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Diaconate Members by email)	7:00 PM
MAY 15 th	Saturday	Bethany Indoor/Outdoor Yard sale	9AM-3PM



Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman
For providing this morning's music.

FILL THE PEW!

SUNDAY JUNE 6, 2021

Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected in the Narthex. Items help to feed the needy in our local Community. All Donations will help stock the Interfaith Social Services food Pantry in Quincy.



JOHN 15:9-17

As in several other places in John's Gospel, chapters 13 to 17 use a familiar literary device of the time, an extended and stylized discourse. Containing much of John's own thought about the relationship of Jesus to the church, this discourse includes some of Jesus' most incisive teachings remembered by the church sixty or more years after the resurrection. As if quoting Jesus, John takes us to the heart of the Christian discipleship: Love for others as God has loved us. John thus interprets the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross as his loving sacrifice of himself for us.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



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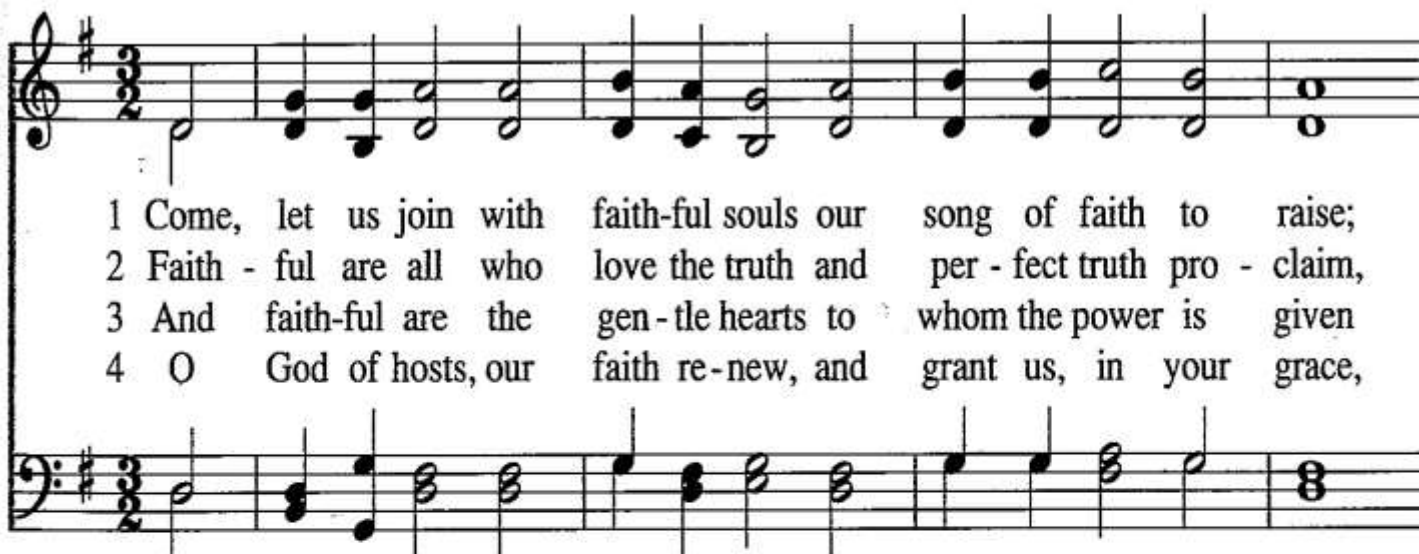


Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

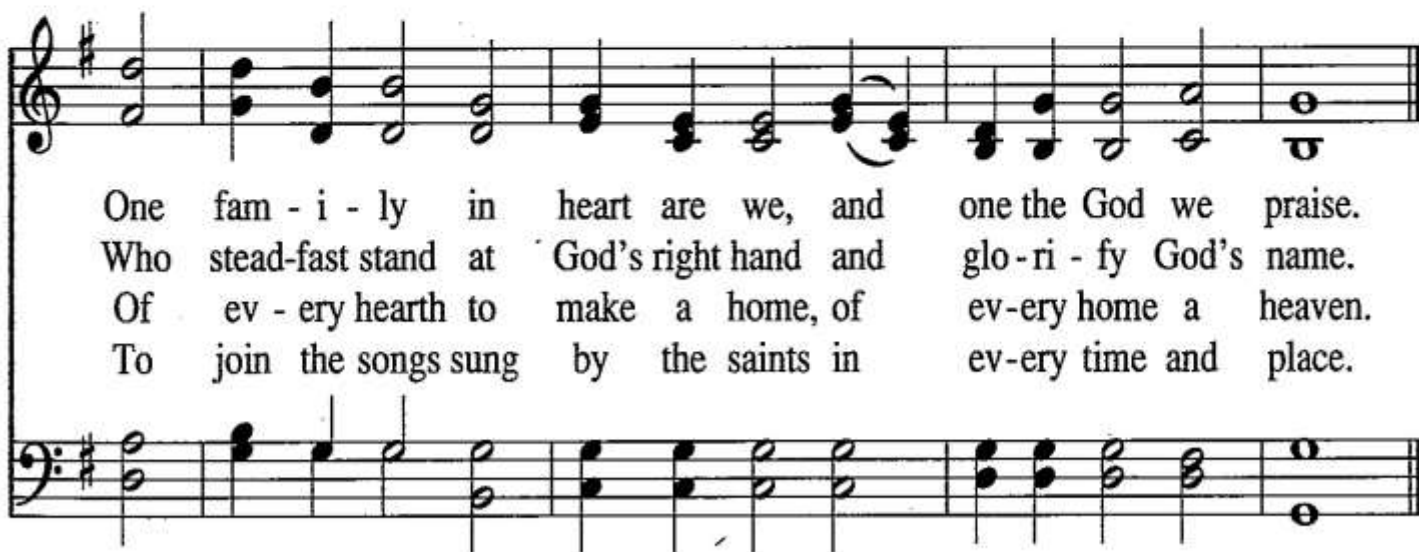
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William G. Tarrant, 1892; alt.

Rev. 5:11-14



1 Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise;
2 Faith - ful are all who love the truth and per - fect truth pro - claim,
3 And faith-ful are the gen - tle hearts to whom the power is given
4 O God of hosts, our faith re-new, and grant us, in your grace,



One fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.
Who stead-fast stand at God's right hand and glo - ri - fy God's name.
Of ev - ery hearth to make a home, of ev - ery home a heaven.
To join the songs sung by the saints in ev - ery time and place.

A leader of the Unitarian Church in England, William Tarrant edited a Unitarian weekly and for thirty-seven years ministered to the Unitarian Christian Church in London. This hymn was one of many he wrote for use by that congregation.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828


Arr. Lowell Mason, in *Modern Psalmody*, 1839

What a Friend We Have in Jesus


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Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886


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Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918





1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?




What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there. A - men.



PRAYER

Please Keep the following people in your prayers.

Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.

Kimberly Beers-Powers

Kevin Douglas

Sandy Johnson

Frieda Matthews

Ava Piazza

Loraine Walsh

Family of Cutina Wright

Tom Boyer

Pam and John Egan

Family of Eric James

Bob Goodnow

Eric Sargent

David and Jingjing Wang

Family of Lois L. Brandes

Bill Ericson

Dorothy Mersereau

Bill & Carol Harding

Estelle Weinberger

Peter & Grace Wang

And all of our at risk members during the COVID-19 crisis

Please send prayer requests and any church news to

Bethanyconchurch.prayers@yahoo.com

All prayer requests will go directly to the Minister's email.

Mission Moment:

Proverbs 31: 25-28

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. **26** She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. **27** She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. **28** Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:





Happy

Mother's Day

10th Annual Church Yard Sale

May 15, 2021

Volunteers needed for May 15 Yard Sale!

Volunteers are needed May 10 - May 14 anytime between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm to help with the setup of tables and pricing of sale items. Volunteers are also needed May 15 to help tend the Bethany tables during the sale and to assist in cleaning up after the sale.

Finally, we will have a bake sale table again this year. If you can, please provide a baked item or items for the sale. Items must be individually wrapped (due to Covid restrictions).

Please let me know when you can help. Please see me on Sunday, May 9 before or after church services to let me know when you can help, or call me at 617.698.1646.



Children's Worship Bulletin

A Heart Full of Joy

John 15:9-17

Word Search Puzzle

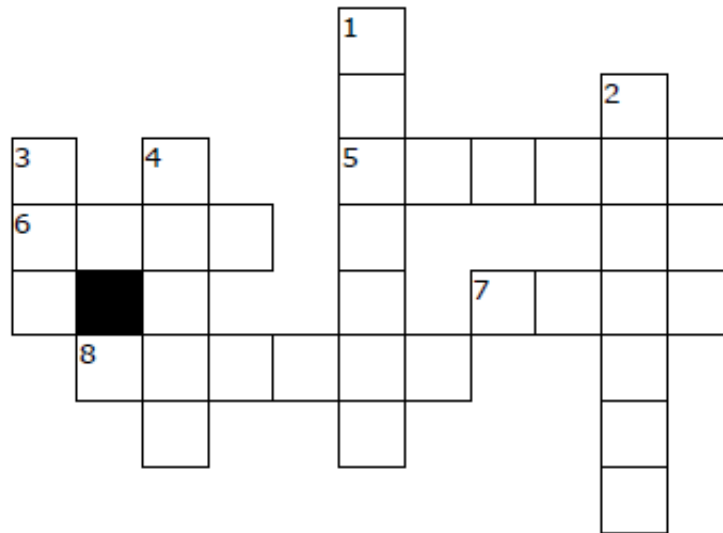
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COMMAND	MASTER	LIFE	DOWN	SERVANT
JOY	REMAIN	GREATER	LAY	FRIENDS
LOVE	OBEY	CHOSE	FRUIT	FATHER

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

5. One who has authority over another person
6. To do what you are told; follow the rules
7. To hold dear, to like or desire greatly
8. A person that you like very much

DOWN

1. An order which a person is expected to obey
2. Someone that performs duties for a master
3. A state of happiness or delight
4. To gain knowledge, skill, or understanding

JOY	OBEY	LOVE	SERVANT
MASTER	FRIEND	LEARN	COMMAND



A heart
full of **Joy**

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Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

V	A	Q	P	Y	N	K	B	U	D	L	J	O	R	S	M	C	Z	W	I	H	T	E	X	G	F
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 11-13-1-23 _____
2. 14-23-16-2-20-6 _____
3. 12-13-5 _____
4. 26-14-20-23-6-10-15 _____
5. 15-23-14-1-2-6-22 _____
6. 16-2-15-22-23-14 _____
7. 26-2-22-21-23-14 _____
8. 17-13-16-16-2-6-10 _____

LOVE	JOY	FATHER	COMMAND
REMAIN	SERVANT	FRIENDS	MASTER

Jump
for JOY!



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