



Spring Flowers: Lewes-Rehoboth Canal

Bethel United Methodist Church

April 19, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship:

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, Mennonite (Alt.)

Like Thomas we want to know, where is this Jesus, the one you call Messiah? The disciples answer: **“Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!”** But where is He, we ask? I don’t see Him. I have trouble believing you. The faithful say louder: **“Christ is Risen! Christ is here among us!** Like Thomas we demand, “Let me see His body, His hands and his feet.” His followers today respond, **“We are Christ’s body; We are Christ’s hands and feet.”** Jesus faced human suffering head on. He fed the hungry, gave sight to the blind, and made the paralyzed walk. When you see the suffering in the world; that’s where Jesus is sending you. **The Risen Jesus sends us into the world to be His presence.**

Opening Hymn

“Because He Lives”

by Bill & Gloria Gaither
John Harris

Opening Prayer:

A Prayer for Doubters,

by Carol Penner

You call us to be people of faith,
yet we are often people with doubts.
We doubt that love can grow again in relationships
where anger and bitterness reign supreme.

But You, Lord, know the strength of love and the power of prayer:
help us to be faithful lovers.

We doubt that peace can come to places like the Middle East;
where hatred and racism reign supreme.

But Lord, You know that peace is growing there:
help us to be faithful peacemakers.

We doubt that the hungry can be fed in Africa,
where disease and hopelessness reign supreme.

But Lord You know that there is enough food in the world;
help us to be generous and faithful.

We doubt Your ability to heal us and restore our friends to health
when our most fervent prayers are not always answered as we wish.
But Lord, You know that we receive ultimate healing when we take off
our tattered garments of mortality and put on immortality.

You specialize in impossibilities;

You walked on water,

You heal the nations

You forgive sins

You set the captive free.

Lord, set us free from our captivities.

This morning we pray for people who are filled with doubts,
who wonder whether You exist and whether You are listening to their prayers,
who wonder what faith and hope are about.

We pray for people who doubt the purpose of life,
who face feelings of meaningless and despair.

Even when we are losing hope,
give us the wisdom to turn to You.

Lord we want to believe; help our unbelief!

Give us faith, small as a mustard seed,

so that we can be Your faithful people,

believing in Your power to save,

believing in Your power to reign supreme,

believing that we can share this good news

with everyone we meet.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Who has taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer: *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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music:*“Do Not Be Afraid”*

by Gerald Markland

Patty Marvel

Gospel Lesson:

John 20:24-31 NIV

Ray Davis

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message:*“Certainty in Time of Doubt”*

Pastor Baker

Closing Hymn: *“Jesus Messiah”* by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves
John Harris

Postlude

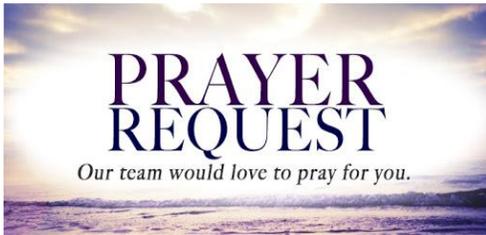
Joyce Mentzer

Also participating in today’s service:

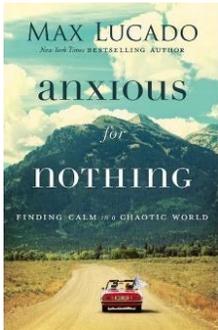
Nick Mentzer, Camera
Todd Mentzer, Tech, Sound
& Streaming



Live Streaming: Bethel will continue to Live Stream a service each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and record the service for those who want to view it later. To access the service go to our website, www.bethellewes.org. At the top of the page click on ‘Virtual Bethel.’ There you will see three choices, ‘Virtual Kids’ ‘Virtual Youth’ & ‘Virtual Worship.’ For the live service, click on Virtual Worship. For Sunday School click on Virtual Kids. For Youth Ministry click on Virtual Youth.



Prayer Link: Need prayer? You can now get prayer requests to the pastoral staff, or if you choose, add a prayer request to our Prayer List. Just go to our Website www.bethellewes.org Across the top of the home page, click on 'Prayer Request' a screen will open for you to enter your prayer request, and whether it is private, or can be shared with our prayer ministry.



***Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World* by Max Lucado**

You can still participate in this on-line Bible Study that meets each Wednesday from 6:00-6:40 through May 13th. Sign up to receive a free digital book at studygateway.com. The study guide, & videos will be emailed to participants each week. Meetings will be facilitated through ZOOM. You can join the meeting by phone or internet. The leader will send the meeting code by email weekly. For more information contact: Ellen Marshall, cell: 302-381-5265, Landline: 302-966-0031, Email: drellen@comcast.net



Your Financial Support

Thank you for your weekly support. We thank you for providing funds to keep Bethel's ministries going. Donations during the last two weeks of March were 75% less than our weekly need.

April is looking better, and we thank each person who had made a contribution. We are not asking anyone to increase their giving, but as you are able please continue to give at your former level. You can get your gift to Bethel five ways:

1. **Drop off your Donation** through the mail slot in the front door of the Parsonage Meeting House at 130 W. Fourth St.
2. **Mail your donations to BUMC**, 129 W. Fourth St. Lewes, DE 19958, which is both safe and efficient.
3. **E-giving** was strong in March! Thank you. If you would like to begin giving electronically, go to Bethel's Website www.bethellewes.org and at the top right of the home page and click on the word, 'Giving.'
4. **Text Giving** is a new option for donations, using a cell phone or hand-held device. Call (302) 202-6625, text the word "GIVE" and follow the prompts to set it up. Once the account is set up, subsequent donations are quick and easy.
5. **IRA Distribution.** Those who are over 70½, can donate part of their mandatory distribution to Bethel. Please speak to your financial advisor to learn more about this option.

Here are some ways you can help others in the Bethel Family:

- **Be a Tech Buddy:** People who do not have a smart phone or the internet are even more socially distanced from the Bethel Family than society in general. As a Tech Buddy we would ask you to relay information to someone who isn't on the web over the phone; or by printing it out for delivery Your help will be greatly appreciated

- **Transportation Aid:** If you need someone to pick up groceries or medications for you, please contact Jane Lenkner (302-645-9426) volunteers are available to help. If you need transportation, contact Jane Lenkner at the church jane@bethellewes.org. so that we send a transportation volunteers Thank you.
- **Occasional Meals:** If you are able to provide and deliver an occasional meal for people who are isolated at home, please contact Jane Lenkner at the church jane@bethellewes.org. so that we can build a data base of occasional meal volunteers.

Community Needs in the Cape Region:

- **Donate Blood:** Blood supplies are critically low. Make an appointment to donate in either Salisbury or Dover. Call 888-824-6638 or go to www.delmarvablood.org/give-blood
- **Make Protective Masks for Beebe Healthcare Workers:** Sewists are needed to make protective masks. Contact Pam Smith at piecefullypam@gmail.com who will show you completed samples, safety guidelines, and online tutorials.



Joys:

The Rosebud on the Altar is in honor of the birth of **Nora Mae Shuttleworth** on April 14th a Beebe Healthcare. Nora and her mother Logan are both home and doing well. Nora is the granddaughter of Dean & Stephanie Shuttleworth who thank you for your prayers.

Illness:

- **Allen Riley, home from Johns Hopkins, his cancer has spread.**
- **All people with the Covid-19 Virus,** their families, health care workers, researchers and scientists
- **Susan Leighton,** Trisha Emmett's Aunt is improving from Covid-19 in PA. On a ventilator but awake and alert.
- **Wayne Leighton,** has Covid-19 and is doing well at home Trisha Emmett's uncle
- **Waldon Wolf,** Debbie Dickie's brother, in ICU in the South West with pneumonia
- **Everyone isolated in nursing homes** and continuing care communities, as well as the staff.

Other:

- For **Samantha & Patrick Kennedy** (daughter and son in law of Amy & Sam Chason) who begin work as Intensive Care nurses in Washington D.C. Monday and for their well-being working with Covid-19 patients.

Sympathy to:

- **Family and Friends of Cindy Gromofsky** who entered eternal life on Friday evening.
- Everyone who has lost a family member worldwide because of Covid-19.



EMERGENCY FOOD IS AVAILABLE!

**MUST BRING ID AND PROOF
OF DELAWARE RESIDENCY**

Feel free to share
this information
with any Delaware
resident who
needs food
assistance.

There is no charge
for this event.



DRIVE-THRU MOBILE PANTRY

No public restrooms
will be available!

First-come, first
served! On-site
registration will be
available. Pre-
registration does
not guarantee service.

Please stay in
your vehicle and
have your trunk
cleared out!

**April 24, 2020
12 noon**

**Sussex Central High School
26026 Patriots Way, Georgetown, DE**

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE TO SPEED UP
CHECK-IN PROCESS:**

sussexcountyfood.eventbrite.com

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Bethel: "A Beacon of Hope at the Beach Since 1779"

On-line Bible Study beginning this week

ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

FINDING CALM *in a* CHAOTIC WORLD

SESSION 1: REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

April 15 Zoom 6:00. *Read Chapters 1-4 from Anxious for Nothing. Watch the video.*

SESSION 2: LET YOUR GENTLENESS BE EVIDENT TO ALL

Complete the study guide.

April 22 Zoom 6:00. *Read Chapter 5 from Anxious for Nothing. Watch the video. Complete the study guide.*

SESSION 3: PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD

April 29 Zoom 6:00. *Read Chapters 6 & 7 from Anxious for Nothing. Watch the video.*

SESSION 4: THE PEACE OF GOD WILL GUARD YOUR HEART

Complete the study guide.

May 6 Zoom 6:00. *Read Chapter 8 from Anxious for Nothing. Watch the video. Complete the study guide.*

SESSION 5: MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS

May 13 Zoom 6:00. *Read Chapters 9-11 from Anxious for Nothing. Watch the video. Complete the study guide*