

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Today</b>	12:30 p.m.	Mini Me Handbell Choir (114)
	3:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice (114)
	4:00 p.m.	Handbell Practice (114)
	5:00 p.m.	Band of Brothers (128)
		Kidz Club (Chapel)
		Rooted Youth Nights (130)
<b>Mon., 3/25</b>	4:00 p.m.	Book Art (128)
	6:30 p.m.	MAD (Making a Difference) (124)
<b>Tues., 3/26</b>	3:30 p.m.	Prayer Group (121)
	6:00 p.m.	Disciple 1 (127)
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Practice (114)
		Seder Meal (FH)
	7:00 p.m.	Young Adults (130)
<b>Wed., 3/27</b>	9:00 a.m.	Crochet (128)
	10:00 a.m.	Acts Group (124)
	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice (119)
		Crochet (128)
<b>Fri., 3/29</b>	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)
<b>Sun., 3/31</b>		<b>Easter Sunday</b>
	7:00 a.m.	<b>Sunrise Service</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service
	10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast -Youth Fundraiser (FH)
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
<b>Mon., 4/1</b>		<b>Easter Monday</b>
		Church Office Closed



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Complete details are printed each week in The Bethlehem Happenings.

Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

**March 24, 2024 | 11:00 Traditional Worship**  
**Palm Sunday | Confirmation**

# SIGNS & MIRACLES



## Healing the Blind Man

Eyesight is a glorious thing, but something that we often take for granted. Our eyesight can diminish so gradually we don't notice it. Our faith is similar. We can be so overwhelmed with the chaos of everyday life that faith can slowly diminish. Where once we saw the glory & beauty of God's creation, we now see only shadows.

In John 9, a beggar blind from birth is healed by Jesus on the Sabbath. The blind man is surrounded by people who can see with their eyes, but who are blind spiritually. Jesus sees a person in need, and he reaches out with miracle light to bring sight to the man. The blind man now with sight is questioned and challenged. As the man defends the healing, his faith grows. Where once he saw only shadows with his heart, now he sees clearly. Often faith becomes stronger as it is tested and questioned. Jesus came to give sight to those who are spiritually blind. Jesus came to the world to bring light to the darkness of sin and death.

How is your spiritual eyesight? Do you see miracles of God's creation all around you or are you sitting in the dark?

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## 11:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

### IN THE SANCTUARY

*\*please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE** Katie Wilson

**BRINGING IN THE LIGHT** Eliana Gomez, Ty Johnson

**GREETING** Rev. Frank Bernat

**PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM** Rev. Bernat

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Pete Black

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* (Vv.1,2,3) UMH 278

**\*OPENING PRAYER** Pete Black

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed Rev. Bernat

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI** UMH 71

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS & NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Cone | Mack Hinch | Charlotte Manning  
Caroline Nelson | Madison Nix | Perla Perez  
Elizabeth Pryor | Vasek Slamka | Addison Smith

**PASTORAL PRAYER /THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Megan Gomez

**\*OFFERTORY HYMN** UMH 472

*Near to the Heart of God* (Vv. 2, 3)

**GIVING OF OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS** Rev. Bernat

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

At this time, children are dismissed for Kidz Church

**MESSAGE** "Healing of the Blind Man" Rev. Beth Dickinson  
John 9:1-41

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace* (v.1) UMH 378

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Dickinson

**\*POSTLUDE** Katie Wilson



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