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10:30 AM

WORSHIP

May 31, 2015

WELCOME

Pastor Lynch

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Casey Funck

RESPONSIVE READING

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord!

People: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Pastor: As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than our ways.

People: God is great, and greatly to be praised.

*PRAISE HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

144

*INVOCATION

Unison

“O God of sunrise and sunset, let this be an hour of sunrise in our hearts, where all things are made bright and new. Drive away the shadows of discouragement and loneliness. Raise us up from beds of weariness and despair. Outfit us with joy and excitement for this new day as we find our help and hope in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.”

*HYMN

“The Solid Rock”

(vs. 1, 4) # 54

MORNING PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Pastor Lynch

Congregation

THE OFFERTORY

Presentation of God’s Tithe

*The Doxology

*Dedication Prayer

Helen Lutz

*HYMN

“Trust and Obey”

(vs. 1, 3, 5) # 327

SCRIPTURE	Hebrews 12:1-2	page 226
MESSAGE	“Losing Your Luggage is a Good Thing”	Pastor Lynch
*COMMITMENT HYMN	“God Be with You” Solo: Casey Funck	# 584
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Lynch
*POSTLUDE		Helen Lutz

**We stand to honor Jesus Christ*

Good morning and welcome to Bethany where God’s word is honored, taught and proclaimed. Our mission is to glorify God by making-maturing-mobilizing enthusiastic disciples for Jesus Christ. Please sign the blue attendance pad and pass it along.

Infant care and a toddler class are held downstairs during worship and Sunday School.

Units for the hearing-impaired are available. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

CD’s of today’s service are available for \$2.00. Please contact Karen in the church office. You can also listen to the service through the church’s web site bethanyumcpalmyra.org.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of our service personnel who were and are willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice for their country by Roberta and Lewis Brough.

Our extended Sunday School for children is called Kid Zone. Those up to sixth grade are welcome to go downstairs to Kid Zone or remain in the sanctuary for worship.

Serving today: **Sound System:** Barry Smith, **Acolyte:** Braden Dibeler, **Ushers:** Larry and Joan Strait, Christopher and Bethany Oleyniczak, **Organist:** Helen Lutz.

Prayer request cards are in the pew rack. Please place them in the offering plate knowing that Pastor Lynch and the Bethany prayer chain will pray over your joys and concerns. If you would like to activate the Bethany prayer chain please call Vicki Smith at 838-5665.

Prayer joys/concerns: 1) For graduates including Cara Scipioni from Palmyra High School. 2) Healing mercies for Lewis Brough, Evelyn Powell, Selma Patrick. 3) Our servicemen. 4) Praise for all who helped in our church clean-up yesterday.

Our homebound person of the week is Betty Schaffner at Twin Oaks in Campbelltown. Please pray for Betty and sign the card in the rear of the sanctuary.

Bethany Bible School kicks off next Sunday June 7 at 9:15. This year's theme is "G-Force: God's Love in Action." Bible School will be held each summer Sunday morning, 9:15-11:30. Our teachers are Vicki Smith, Diane Schell, Barbara Minnich, Cindy Patrick and Selma Patrick.

Mark your calendar: The gospel singing group, Unity Quartet, will be here at Bethany on Sunday evening June 14 at 6:30. This promises to be a great time of praising the Lord in song. Pray about who the Lord wants you to invite.

June Newsletters can be read online at bethanyumcpalmyra.org and paper copies are available on the information table.

Next Sunday there will be a congregational vote concerning painting the sanctuary this Fall. Do you think it better to paint the paneling in the front of the sanctuary to match the new off white walls, or leave the paneling as it is? Pastor Lynch will be preaching from Psalm 139:1-12 "I'll Be There."

Mt. Lebanon Campmeeting brochures are available on the information table thanks to Dale Patrick.

SERVING CHRIST AND OUR CONGREGATION

ORGANIST: *Helen Lutz*

ASST. ORGANIST: *Audrey Scipioni*

NURSERY CARE: *Vicki Smith*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: *Selma Patrick*

TRUSTEE CHAIR: *Don Brubaker*

SUPERINTENDANT: *Gary Nicholson*

MISSIONARIES: *Carrie Callahan, China and Rachel Nicholson, Germany*

LAY LEADER: *Steve Scipioni*

SUNBEAM CHOIR: *Bethany Oleyniczak*

ADMIN. COUNCIL: *Cindy Anspach*

CHURCH SECRETARY: *Karen Neidigh*

CUSTODIAN: *Beverly Bell*

PASTOR: *John Lynch (298-1308)*