

# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**October 3, 2021**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## WE GATHER

### PRELUDE

“Kyrie”  
Celebration Ringers

by Cathy Moglebust

### WELCOME

**MOMENT FOR MISSION – Willow Domestic Violence Center, Chloe Vazzana**

### GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the presence of God, whose word has called the stars into being,

**People: We stand in awe.**

Pastor: In the presence of God, who embraces children, and whose eyes have sparkled with laughter,

**People: We stand in trust.**

Pastor: In the presence of God, whose breath has stirred within us and caused our hearts to thirst for love,

**People: We stand in need.**

Pastor: Before you, Giver of Life, we come in faith, in search of love and truth and wholeness.

**People: Be with us; hear us, we pray.**

---from *Peacemaking Through Worship, Vol. II*, edited by Jane Parker Huber  
and published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, 1992.

### \*HYMN #385

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make;  
we are his folk; he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;  
his mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we do not sin, we deceive ourselves and are not being honest. But if we confess our sin, God, who is gracious and merciful, will forgive us all our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin together.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Loving God, you have called us to be one, to live in unity and harmony; and yet we are divided: race from race, faith from faith, rich from poor, old from young, neighbor from neighbor. O Christ, by whose cross all enmity is brought to an end, break down the walls that separate us. Tear down fences of hatred and indifference. Forgive us the sins that divide us, and free us from pride and self-seeking. Overcome our prejudices and fears, and give us the courage to open ourselves to others. By the power of your Spirit, make us one. Amen.**

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Leader: Let us in silence confess our own personal sins.  
(Silence)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your word is a lamp in our darkness, a light on our way. Open our minds that we may hear your word and ponder its meaning for our lives. Startle us with your truth and lead us to respond with conviction. Amen.

#### EPISTLE READING:

Hebrews 1:1-4

pages 970,971 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### ANTHEM

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Philip Stopford

Bethany Choir

#### GOSPEL READING:

Mark 10:13-16

page 822 in the pew Bible

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Rev. Carolyn Grohman

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison; from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God,**

**empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**HYMN #769**

**"For Everyone Born"**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]

## **SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Congregational Response: **"Lord, we praise you."**

**"Lord, hear our prayer."**

## **THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY #606 (Unison) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore.**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

O God, we dedicate ourselves to your service, along with all the good things we have received from your hand. May our gifts proclaim the good news of your love in our community and throughout the world, making a difference in the quality of life experienced by many, near and far. Amen.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Commitment (Unison)**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. Grant that we may be strengthened in your service to share the good news of the gospel with others. Amen.

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE WORLD**

**HYMN #526**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain:

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]

Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

"Con Moto Maestoso"

Felix Mendelssohn

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning Rev. Carolyn Grohman. Dr. Bob will return in the office on October 4, 2021.

**CHILDCARE** is available.

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**DEACONS:** Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Gail Kuhner, Sue Kretovic

**LAY LITURGIST:** Cindy Hetzler

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Peg Cameron, Carole (friend of Beth Thomsen), Wilma Chadwick, Wayne Crawford, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Cliff Streams and Helen West.

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of October 3 is the Town of Wheatland and Village of Scottsville.

### BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	10/3	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/3	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/3	11:15 am	Sunday School
Tuesday	10/5	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	10/6	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	10/6	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	10/7	7:15 pm	Choir meeting - (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10/10	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/10	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/10	11:15 am	Sunday School

Bethany Family, As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified Monroe County as an area of substantial transmission. Our church will remain fully open for worship this Sunday, but ask that all attending, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask, per the guidance of Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Mendoza. If you are not feeling well, please join us from your home for on-line worship. Please continue to pray for our health care workers and for the health and safety our congregation, friends, families, and neighbors. Blessings, Jim Hetzler, Personnel and Operations Chairperson

**PEACE AND GLOBAL MISSION COLLECTION today October 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Bethany will be collecting the annual Peace and Global Mission offering. General Assembly will receive 50% of the donation, Genesee Valley Presbytery will receive 25%, and the Bethany Community and Global Mission Committee has designated the final 25% to be donated to Willow Domestic Violence Center. We will welcome someone from the Center to speak to us about the programs Willow provides to those in need within our community. Willow Domestic Violence Center was formally known as Alternatives for Battered Women. Its mission is “to prevent domestic violence and ensure every survivor has access to the services and supports needed along the journey to a safe and empowered life.” Its vision is “a community free from domestic violence, where healthy relationships thrive.” The Bethany CGM believes this is an organization worthy of our support.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** is in the process of organizing the College Care Card event once again. Please let me know, if you haven't already, whether you'd like your student to receive a care card. Also, anyone wanting to make a donation to this event can also contact me. Thank you, Jennifer McGarrity, CLC Elder/Chair [mcvamp22@gmail.com](mailto:mcvamp22@gmail.com)

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY: October 17, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM ~** Rev. Lisa Lancaster, guest preacher.

**BETHANY STAFF - Pastoral:** Dr. Bob Spratt, Head of Staff/Sr. Pastor, [drspratt.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:drspratt.bethany@gmail.com);  
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**LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS** - [**Donna Bour-Purdy**, Audit Committee Chair], [**Craig Johnson**, Budget and Finance Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Wendy Watt**, Christian Education], [**Judy Price**, Community and Global Mission Committee Session Elder and **Cheryl Fisher**, Chair], [**Jennifer McGarrity**, Congregational Life Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Judy Montanari**, Investment Management Committee Chair], [**Craig Foreman**, Liturgical Deacons Chair], [**Al Adaskin**, Memorial Committee Chair], [**Bev Murray**, Nominating Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Karen Dobbins and Judy Price**, Pastoral Care Deacons Co-Chairs], [**Jim Hetzler**, Personnel and Operations Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Dick Livoti**, Presbytery Delegate], [**Steve Watt**, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Carrie Buri**, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and **Craig Covert**, Chair], [**Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery**, Technology Team], [**Carl DeGraff**, Treasurer], [**Cheryl Fisher**, Webmaster], [**Bev Bennett**, Welcoming Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Connie Slapar**, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** At times, families or individuals may find they need pastoral support for various reasons ranging from a long-term matter or an emergency. In the event of a pastoral emergency, this can be sought by calling the church office (585) 663-3000 during normal business hours or after hours at (585) 496-4699. In addition, there are several members of the congregation that can be called on for support called Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times. To receive support from a Stephen Minister contact Kim Bolinger at (585) 227-2540 or Wendy Watt (585) 415-2351.

***Bethany Presbyterian Church***

*We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.*

**Bethany's phone number: 663-3000 ~ Bethany's website: [www.bethanyrochester.org](http://www.bethanyrochester.org)**