

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

August 8, 2021

Worship
10:00 AM

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr’, BWV 662”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us open our hearts to the sunshine of God’s Love.

People: Let us open our souls to the gentile winds of God’s Spirit,

Pastor: We have gathered to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

People: A word that renews us again and again.

All: Glory be to God, the creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit; the one who loves, saves, and renews us. Amen.

HYMN #439

“O my Soul, Bless your Redeemer”

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not
all God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions,
all diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction,
and with you so kindly deals.

Far as east from west is distant,
God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father
has the Lord's compassion been.

As it was without beginning,
so it lasts without an end;
to their children's children ever
shall God's righteousness extend:

Unto such as keep God's cov'nant
and are steadfast in God's way;

unto those who still remember
the commandments and obey.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
ever under God's control,
all throughout God's vast dominion;
bless the Lord of all, my soul!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: O Lord, My God whose power and strength is stronger than anything I might ever face I know that you are watching me in every step I take. We praise the guidance of your spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: And now may the Lord Bless you and keep you.

People: O Lord we love you.

Leader: May the Lord make his face shine upon us.

People: O Lord we worship you.

ALL: Bring your spirit to guide us.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: As God opens our eyes to our sins and weaknesses,
God also opens our eyes to perceive the beauty of divine grace.

People: Knowing we are forgiven, we go forward in peace.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Help me to see the face that needs your smile, open my ears to the cries of our hurting world. Give me the courage to touch the lives of those who are in need of your love.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 10:4

page 932 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”

Eric Thiman

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24

page 788 in the pew Bible

Pastor: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51

pages 452,453 in the pew Bible

Pastor: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Be A Planter”

David Jacobus

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN #471

“O Lord Hear my Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise;
All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song;
The Lord is my praise; the well-spring of life.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: **“Lord, we praise you.”**

“Lord, hear our prayer.”

THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr”

Johann Pachelbel

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)

Gracious God, we give because you have so generously given to us. Take these gifts and multiply them. Send these gifts to places and people where they are needed so that others may see Jesus. Amen.

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

HYMN #41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;

established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Fugue in D major, BWV 532”

J.S. Bach

CHILDCARE is not available.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

DEACONS: Mark Buri, Meghan Buri, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Gail Kuhner, Sue Kretovic

LAY LITURGIST: Cindy Hetzler

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peg Cameron, Wayne Crawford, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Richard Platt, Cliff Streams and Helen West.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of August 8th is the Town of Riga and the Village of Churchville.

Please welcome David Jacobus to the pulpit this morning. David is a certified lay minister in the Presbyterian and Methodist church and he was the founder of a sales agency that specializes in the sale of industrial diamond tooling. Although, he started the company with no customers, today there are 200 customers, 9 suppliers and 6 employees. David has sold the business and now works part-time for the new owner. His journey over the past thirty-years would have not been accomplished without prayer and faith. David is a distinguished past lieutenant governor for the Kiwanis. He is married with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Dr. Bob is on study leave and will return in the office on August 9, 2021.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	8/8	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Tuesday	8/10	10 am	Personnel Committee – Large Hall
Wednesday	8/11	10:30 am	Staff meeting – Library
Wednesday	8/11	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – Library
Wednesday	8/11	7 pm	Welcoming Committee – Mini Hall
Thursday	8/12	7 pm	Choir meeting - (Zoom)
Sunday	8/15	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)

BETHANY STAFF - Pastoral: Dr. Bob Spratt, Head of Staff/Sr. Pastor, drspratt.bethany@gmail.com; **Music Team:** Jacob Montgomery, Music Director, jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com; Jean Coniber, Bell Choir Director, jconiber233@gmail.com; Jeff Tabor, Staff Singer; **Office Team:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt.

2021-22 ACTIVITY BROCHURE: With Eileen Sengillo's assistance, the Spiritual Growth Committee is gathering information for the 2021-22 Activity Brochure. We will base the brochure on last year's rendition but expect a number of changes as things are beginning to look more "normal" again and last year's brochure was modified for COVID. If you have any updates (date/time/meeting place/new material being studied/discussed) or additional activities to be included, please email Eileen at sengillo.bethany@gmail.com. Also, if your activity is no longer happening, please let Eileen know to delete it so it doesn't get included. If you have any questions, you can also call Carrie Buri at (716)390-8941. Thank you!

PRESENT WORD: The Present Word will resume meeting in person every Sunday at 9:00 am beginning September 19th. What is The Present Word? The Present Word Bible Study is based on a uniform Series, a plan for reading and studying the Bible. The objectives of the series are to help persons increasingly:

1. to know the content of the Bible,
2. to understand the message of the Bible in light of their experiences and relationships, and
3. To be aware of God's self-disclosure, especially God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ, that they may respond in faith and love-to the end that they may know who they are and what human situation means, grow as the children of God rooted in the Christian community, live in the spirit of God in every relationship, fulfill their common discipleship in the world, and abide in the Christian hope.

All are invited to participate in The Present Word on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Small Hall.

SAVE THE DATE: WORSHIP IN THE PARK 2021 - Please join the Spiritual Growth committee as we return to Greece Canal Park's Millennium Lodge September 12, 2021 at 11:00 for Worship in the Park 2021. More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

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