

# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**August 15, 2021**

Worship  
10:00 AM

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

“Pastorale in F”

Joseph Jenkins

### **WELCOME**

### **GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Bless the Lord!

**People: Bless God’s holy name.**

Pastor: Bless the Lord and do not forget all God’s benefits.

**People: Enter into the presence of God as a baptized people.**

Pastor: Proclaimed by the Almighty as God’s very own.

**People: Daughter and Sons, children of our Heavenly Father.**

### **HYMN #386**

“Come, Worship God”

Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;  
enter God’s presence with thanks and a song!  
You are the rock of your people’s salvation  
to whom our jubilant praises belong.

Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;  
held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.

We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;  
you are our Maker, and to you we pray.  
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;  
great is the one whom we worship this day!

Now let us listen, for you speak among us;  
open our hearts to receive what you say.  
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,  
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The way of life is this: First, you shall love God who made you.  
And second, love your neighbor as yourself, and do not do to another what you would not want done to you. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, we confess that we have fallen short of the calling you have given us as your children. We have preached what we have not always practiced. We have enjoyed the title “Christian” rather than been humbled by it. We have uncritically accepted the world’s idea of success despite the call to self-giving love like that of Jesus. Forgive us. Empower us anew with your Spirit. Amen.**

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Fellow believers in Christ, we are pardoned of our sin,  
**People: and assured of our place as God's children. Amen.**

## WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Baptism is a sacrament, and therefore an attitude of reverence is in order. Please refrain from using cameras or video equipment during the service. A reenactment after the service, specifically for picture taking, may be arranged.)

#### Congregational Question

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the members of this church promise to tell this new disciple, Eliza Jane Oonk, the good news of the gospel, to help her know all that Christ commands and by your fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

**Congregation: “WE DO.”**

#### Congregation Prayer (Unison)

**God our Father, we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament and for the hope we have in your Son Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Isaiah 42:1-9

pages 584,585 in the pew Bible

**People: Thanks be to God**

### ANTHEM

“May the Lord Bless You”

John Rutter

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

Matthew 3:13-17

pages 784,785 in the pew Bible

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

**\*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 #69**

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

I The Lord Of Sea And Sky,  
I Have Heard My People Cry.  
All Who Dwell In Dark And Sin,  
My Hand Will Save.  
I Who Made The Stars Of Night,  
I Will Make Their Darkness Bright.  
Who Will Bear My Light To Them?  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Snow And Rain,  
I Have Borne My People's Pain.  
I Have Wept For Love Of Them, They Turn Away.  
I Will Break Their Hearts Of Stone,  
Give Them Hearts For Love Alone.  
I Will Speak My Word To Them  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

I, The Lord Of Wind And Flame  
I Will Tend The Poor And Lame.  
I Will Set A Feast For Them,  
My Hand Will Save  
Finest Bread I Will Provide,  
Till Their Hearts Be Satisfied.  
I Will Give My Life To Them,  
Whom Shall I Send?

Here I Am Lord, Is It I, Lord?  
I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.  
I Will Go Lord, If You Lead Me.  
I Will Hold Your People In My Heart.

## **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**

**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)

**Almighty and merciful God, help us to be thankful for all your gifts and delight in serving you  
as we share them with others. Amen.**

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

**HYMN #673**      “Jesus, Light of Joy”

Jesus light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine:  
source of every earthly blessing,  
Heaven’s ever lasting sign. Alleluia, alleluia,  
we adore you, light divine.

Now the shadows fall around us; now the evening has begun:  
still your gracious light is with us, brighter than the morning sun.  
Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three in One.

With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.  
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:  
alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

## **BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**      “Allegro”

CV Stanford

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Eliza Jane Oonk. The parents of Eliza: Heather & Dan Oonk.  
Godparents: Debra & Rick Seltzer. Proud grandmother Louise and Aunt Carolyn.

**CHILDCARE** is not available.

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**DEACONS:** Dick Bauman, Sandy Ericson, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

**LAY LITURGIST:** Karen Dobbins

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

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Cindy & Doug Stanek and family at the passing of Cindy's mother.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Michele Ciehowski and family at the passing of her daughter.

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of August 15th is the Strong Neighborhood.

**BETHANY CALENDAR**

Sunday	8/15	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Tuesday	8/17	10 am	Personnel Committee – Large Hall
Tuesday	8/17	7 pm	Contemporary Worship Task Force
Wednesday	8/18	10:30 am	Staff meeting – Library
Wednesday	8/18	7 pm	Budget & Finance – Zoom
Thursday	8/19	7 pm	Spirituality & Social Justice - Zoom
Thursday	8/19	7 pm	Choir meeting - (Zoom)
Sunday	8/22	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.

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

**TOWN HALL MEETING:** Bethany's Session invites you to a Town Hall Meeting on October 10, 2021 immediately following the 10:00 worship service. The meeting will include updates from the Contemporary Worship Service, Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Sunday School/youth programming, and Organ Taskforce. Please bring your thoughts and questions, an open mind and creative solutions as we strive to make Bethany a dynamic and exciting place to worship! Also, if you would like to be part of a committee or a member of Session, we would love to have you! The Property Committee, Welcoming Committee, and Stewardship Committee have open positions. We are also looking for a Clerk

of Session. If you feel called to serve and/or would like to offer your talents to Bethany, please contact Bev Murray of the Nominating Committee at 865-8507. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 Chair], [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 Chair], [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)**