



PALM  
*Sunday*

# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**April 10, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

“Trio No. 5”

J.S. Bach

### **WELCOME**

### **GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: **Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**  
**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

#### **\*HYMN #197**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed  
'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,

nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!”  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

#### **\*PALM SUNDAY LITANY**

Leader: Today we recall the events of the first Holy Week so many years ago.

**People: We remember how it started with Jesus entering the Holy City.**

Leader: As he approached Bethpage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

**People: Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs it.”**

Leader: They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen, saying:

**People: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

Leader: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

**People: “I tell you,” Jesus replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”**

#### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS** [Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)**

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 118:19-29

pages 493 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

"Solus ad Victimam"  
Bethany Choir

Kenneth Leighton

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 19:28-40

page 854 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**I believe in the Christ who rode in triumph. I believe in the Christ who speaks in fire and storm, but I also believe in the God of the still, small voice. I believe that being a Christian involves more than coming to church and being "nice"; I believe it means being faithful in school or business, and worshipping Christ in my private moments. I believe that the best thing I can do for Him today is not to say "I believe", but to act out my belief in love and justice for others. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #196**

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One. [Refrain]

The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present. [Refrain]

To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

## **SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Unison)  
**We can say "hosannas" with our lips, but we can also do so with our gifts  
and acts of mercy. Receive these hosannas, O Lord, with our prayers, for  
through them, we are praising Christ. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #198** "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"  
Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;

thy humble beast pursues its road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
The hosts of angels in the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Concertstuck”

Christian a Rinck

**CHILDCARE** is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

**FLOWERS ON THE COMMUNION TABLE** are in memory of Tyler Balcomb given by Hannah Connor Hector.

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Dick Bauman, Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

**LAY LITURGIST:** Kim Bolinger

**ACOLYTES:** Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Jim (Mike Haskin's brother), Mark Leavitt, Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams.

**BETHANY CALENDAR**

Sunday	4/10	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Palm Sunday	4/10	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

Sunday	4/10	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	4/10	11:30 am	Special Session meeting – (Small Hall)
Monday	4/11	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Small Hall)
Tuesday	4/12	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	4/12	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	4/13	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	4/13	6 pm	C&GM – (Parlor)
Wednesday	4/13	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Library)
Wednesday	4/13	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	4/14	7 pm	Maundy Thursday service - (Sanctuary)
Friday	4/15	7 pm	Good Friday service – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	4/17	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Easter Sunday	4/17	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

**OGHS:** Thank you, God for neighbors with needs and gifts to share, The One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected this morning. This offering goes for hunger relief and disasters in this troubled world.

**ROOTS AND WINGS:** During March, the Roots & Wings members have been working on Peace Projects. Visit the display by the Library door to see some of them, and to pick up a free Peace Prayer Packet to take.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** The Maundy Thursday offering will support Journey Home. The goal at Journey Home is to embrace loved ones on their final journey by offering them physical, emotional, and spiritual care. This care is given by a dedicated team of volunteers, nurses, and an all-volunteer board. Please consider donations

**HELPING THE UKRAINE THROUGH PRESBYTERIAN MISSION:** Support emergency relief on Palm Sunday and Easter for those fleeing violence in Ukraine. Christian community in Ukraine is present in more diverse ways than in any other nation of the former Soviet Union. That diversity spans Orthodox, Catholic, Reformed, Lutheran, Baptist and many other modern traditions. In this new era the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is engaged in a close mission partnership with the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine, and relates to other growing Reformed denominations, as well as to the German Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the Ukraine.

**GREECE CROP HUNGER WALK:** This year's Greece CROP Hunger Walk will begin on May 1, 2022 at Aldersgate Church. Walkers will confirm their registration at 1:00. Choose either the 0.5 or 2.5-mile route. 25% of funds raised will be donated to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and 75% will go to CWS for fighting hunger worldwide. Join Bethany's team or sponsor our team online here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/bethany-presbyterian-church>. To make a cash donation, contact Cheryl Fisher, provide after Sunday Service or contact one of our walkers directly.

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY:** Hello Bethany and hello Spring! With the melting snow and the blooming flowers comes the resurfacing of highway litter. The songs of the birds remind us of the need to be good to our environment. Keeping with our years of caring, we will once again head out to the parkway in our stylish safety gear to pick up trash. Stay as long as you can and plan to meet for pizza and drinks afterward at a local establishment. We will meet at church on April 30, 2022 at 9 am in the Church Parking Lot. All interested please let Ron Fisher know by email or text at [rfisher97@gmail.com](mailto:rfisher97@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:**

WHAT: Women's Retreat- *Wonderfull World- Where Women Explore God's Wonder and Love*

WHEN: Saturday, April 23, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Bethany Church Large Hall

WHO: All women in the congregation

Lunch will be provided by Bethany Women in the Congregation

\*Sponsored by Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation and the Spiritual Growth Committee

**THE BETHANY TECHNOLOGY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP:** We are looking for people who would be willing to help livestream Bethany's Sunday worship services by operating the camera or soundboard. No experience necessary. You will receive all the training you need by completing our "5 Minutes or Less" certification program, so that you are fully qualified to learn as you go, just like the rest of the team. Livestreaming has become an important component to sharing the Good News and supporting our congregation. We average about 30 people watching live on-line each Sunday through Boxcast, YouTube, or Facebook. Each worship service is archived on these sites and linked to the Bethany webpage for those who want to watch or rewatch the service later. We need your help to keep this going. Please consider joining us for one Sunday a month. If interested, contact Jim Hetzler [jmshetzler@gmail.com](mailto:jmshetzler@gmail.com) / 585-317-1956 or stop up in the choir loft after the service any Sunday.

**BETHANY COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**  
**Approved by Session on March 27, 2022**

Sunday Worship, Funerals and Weddings



1. Worship services will take place in person and be streamed on Facebook and Boxcast.
2. Masks in the building are optional for healthy, vaccinated people, but should be worn by anyone who has been exposed to a person diagnosed with Covid-19.
3. Any individual who feels ill should worship at home on Facebook or Boxcast.
4. Printed bulletins will be distributed by the Liturgical Deacons. Bibles, Hymnbooks, envelopes, cards and pencils will be available in pews.
5. Healthy vaccinated people are not required to sit socially distanced.
6. Communion will be celebrated, with Deacons passing elements to parishioners in pews. Individual pre-packaged elements will be available in narthex for anyone desiring them.
7. Peace will be passed as part of the service. Participants may share peace as they wish with handshaking, fist or elbow bumping, raising fingers in peace sign, etc.
8. Fellowship and coffee hour may be enjoyed following services. Disposable cup will be used and cookies will be served by deacons wearing gloves.

#### Sunday School and Group Meetings

1. Adult and youth Sunday School classes, and Roots and Wings may take place.
2. The Crib Room shall be staffed by vaccinated individuals because the youngest of our congregation may not be protected by vaccinations.
3. Group meetings may take place in any room within the building. The maximum number of individuals participating is determined by the legal number set by the Fire Marshall.
4. Masks are optional but may be requested by any present.
5. General cleanliness of meeting area is expected. Cleaning materials will be provided.
6. Group meetings may be held on ZOOM.

#### Food and Drink other than Coffee Hour after worship services

1. Anyone preparing and serving food should wash hands and wear gloves.
2. It is recommended that food on buffet lines be served.

#### Office Work Place

1. Wearing of masks by staff is optional.
2. General cleanliness of work area is expected. Cleaning materials will be provided.

#### Building Maintenance

1. A supply of tissue, soap, hand sanitizers and paper towels will be provided.
2. Signs indicating proper hand washing guidelines will be posted in bathrooms.
3. Staff will clean and disinfect door handles and other surfaces frequently touched after each worship service.
4. CDC indicates that drinking fountains should be cleaned and sanitized, after each workshop service.

**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)**