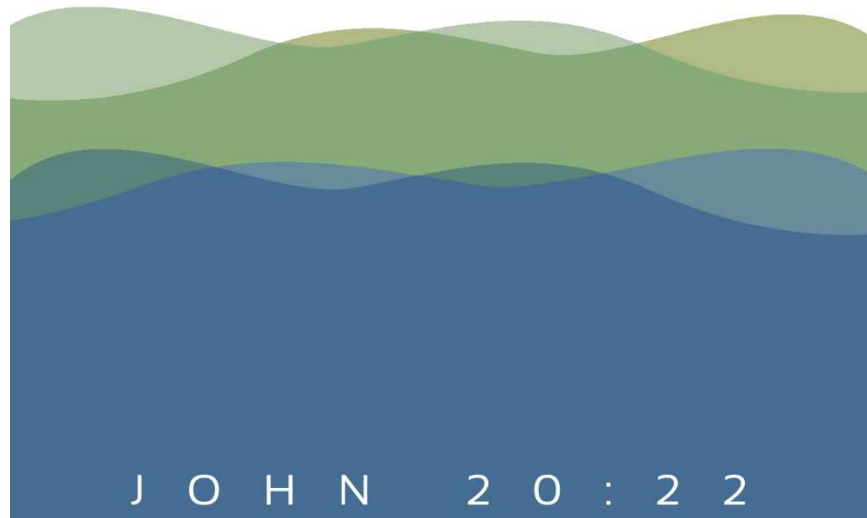


He breathed on them
and said to them,
“Receive the Holy Spirit.”



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Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

April 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Almighty God, unite us in one Spirit and purpose.

People: Unite us in one faith.

Leader: Unite us in one affection,

People: that we may worship you together in joy.

Leader: Let us to learn from you together in peace,

People: and then serve you together in love.

***HYMN #667**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

***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 only treat others the way you wish to be treated. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We confess, all-knowing God, that in many ways we have hurt others and ourselves. We have sometimes done so deliberately and sometimes we have done so thoughtlessly. We have sometimes hurt ourselves and others by what we have done, and sometimes by what we have failed to do. Forgive us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, and help us daily to make a positive and uplifting impact on those around us. Amen.

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

***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.]

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds,
so as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed,
We may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:14-29 pages 492,493 in the pew Bible
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

BELL ANTHEM

"Lord of the Dance"
Celebration Ringers

arranged by Vicki Smith

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31 page 883 in the pew Bible
Leader: The word of the Lord. **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 #629**

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the mind recall

a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this
nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is
none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be.
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

OFFERTORY

"Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate"
Jeff Tabor, solo

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

***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)

We give our offerings this morning, not only because of the need of others to receive, but also because of our need to give. We wish to become participants in something larger than ourselves, to loosen our grip on those things that are transitory, and to work side by side with other Christians in doing your work. Amen.

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

***HYMN #700**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Toccata"

John Rutter

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.

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

LAY LITURGIST: Karen Dobbins

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, Linda Wood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	4/24	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	4/24	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	4/24	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	4/24	12 pm	Session – (Small Hall)
Monday	4/25	7 pm	Life Group (Small Hall)
Tuesday	4/26	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	4/27	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	4/27	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	4/28	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir - (Sanctuary)
Friday	4/29	3 pm	Bible Fellowship – (Large Hall) All are welcome!
Saturday	4/30	9 am	Adopt-a-Highway
Sunday	5/1	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	5/1	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	5/1	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	5/1	1 pm	Greece Crop Hunger Walk

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.

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.

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.

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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