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Sunday in Lent



Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

April 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Fugue Improvisation"

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We will make a joyful noise to the Lord;

People: We will serve the Lord with gladness.

Leader: We will come into God's presence with singing.

People: We know that the Lord is God!

Leader: It is God who has made us, and we belong to God.

People: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

***HYMN #305** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

***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**

Leader: For worthy sacrifices done for unworthy reasons,

People: Father, forgive, and purify our inner selves.

Leader: For good deeds done with selfish motives,

People: Father, forgive, and cleanse our souls.

Leader: For loving words accompanied by unloving thoughts,

People: Father, forgive, and renew our minds. Amen.

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,

People: for the truth is not in us.

Leader: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful will forgive us our sins

People: and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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 126

pages 499 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

Bob Chilcott

Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 3:1-11

pages 954,955 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 #286**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: Having been blessed,

People: We wish to be a blessing.

Leader: Having received much,

People: We wish to give much.

Leader: Having been helped,

People: We wish to help others. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord's Table.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

Communion Music

Prayer of Commitment

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 #291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill, then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still; and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. Spirit,

Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free, Spirit,
Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Orgelstucke”

Christian Heinrich 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.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: David Covert, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Sue Kretovic, Gail Kuhner, Cindi Sywulski

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ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

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

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Linda and John Jagusiak at the passing of Linda’s mother Harriet Aldinger.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	4/3	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	4/3	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	4/3	11 am	Confirmation Class – (Mini Hall)
Sunday	4/3	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	4/3	11:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Monday	4/4	7 pm	Stephen Ministers (Small Hall)
Tuesday	4/5	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	4/6	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	4/6	1 pm	Memorial Committee – (Library)
Wednesday	4/6	7 pm	Lenten Bible study – (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/6	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	4/7	7:15 pm	Choir - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	4/3	11 am	Shipmates – (Long Pond Family Restuarant)
Sunday	4/3	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	4/3	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	4/3	11:15 am	Sunday School

ROOTS & 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.

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

OGHS: Thank you, God for neighbors with needs and gifts to share, The ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be collected on April 10th, Palm Sunday. This offering goes for hunger relief and disasters in this troubled world.

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 / 585-317-1956) or stop up in the choir loft after the service any Sunday.

SHIPMATES: SAVE THE DATE April 9, 2022 We will meet at the Long Pond Family Restaurant at 11:00am for Breakfast or Lunch. Your choice! You will receive individual checks which are your responsibility. 12:30pm we are off to the History Center & Museum at 595 Long Pond Road for a tour given by Docents Faye Cole and David Seibert. There also is plenty of material to read and Faye and David will be happy to answer any questions you may have. This is the town's bicentennial year. GHS is planning quite a project. Will be an interesting day. Reservations deadline is April 4 and may be made by calling Irene Crawford, 227-2696 or Edna Hamlin, 752-8115. Guests are always welcome... Faye and David have been invited to join us for lunch.

BETHANY COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES
Voted by Session 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