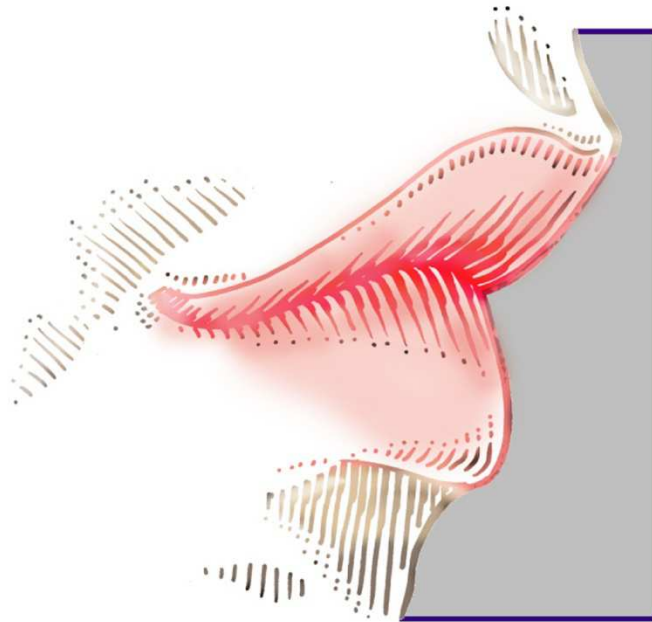


... the LORD said to me,
*“Now I have
put my words in
your mouth.”*



JEREMIAH 1:9, NRSV

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

August 14, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Romanesque”

Joseph Jenkins

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Glorious God, we come together as your people.

People: We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;

Pastor: We come as a hungry people, as we continue our long journey;

People: Lord feed our needs and bring us direction

Pastor: In this hour of worship, empower us for faithful living.

People: We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

***HYMN #331**

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.

Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

***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)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed. Amen

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: God grants us grace to grow more and more in God's likeness and image.

People: We are forgiven through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

***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 library, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

PRAYER FOR 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

page 978 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“This Is My Father’s World”

Richard Walters

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

page 609,610 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 #318**

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west;
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Improvised March”

Jacob Montgomery

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, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

LAY LITURGIST: Karen Bolinger

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, Wilma Chadwick, Betty Griswold, Donna Hancock, Jim (Mike Haskin’s brother), Karen Henry, Mike Kuitunen, Mark Leavitt, Melanie (Debbie Haskin’s sister), Richard Platt, Linda Ryhal (Liz Whittingham’s cousin), Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams, Cindi Sywulski, Linda Wood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	8/14	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	8/14	11:30 am	Special Session meeting – (Small Hall)
Wednesday	8/17	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	8/17	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Library & Zoom)
Sunday	8/21	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Please join Congregational Life for an ice cream social after the worship service this morning in the large hall.

SHIPMATES: September 10th is the visit to the Seneca Park Zoo. Meet at 10 AM where Theresa and Sue Kretovic will guide you through the zoo. All are invited. \$10 includes entry and a ride back in the zoo tram. Lunch will be at the new zoo café after our 2 hours of visiting the animals. Hopefully the animals will be out entertaining you. Lunch is your choice of: hamburgs, hots, salads or ice cream. We will also be collecting Shipmate dues of \$10 for 2022-2023. If possible let Sue know if you are planning on coming LKRETOVIC@gmail.com.

GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is now starting to build our 8th Greece sponsored house on 486 Garson Ave. in Rochester. It's around the corner from Swan's Meat Market! Volunteer slots are now available for Bethany members and friends to sign up at <https://give.rochesterhabitat.org/ge/greece2022> . The foundation is just now being constructed; walls will start to rise in early September. You can volunteer for any open volunteer slot along with designated Greece Churches slots. To sign up for a day you will first need to create an individual Habitat account on the site. Any questions please contact Rich Hemmenway 392-0046 or richhemmenway@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: WORSHIP IN THE PARK 2022 - Please join the Spiritual Growth committee for Worship in the Park, September 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM. More information to follow. We hope to see you there!

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

