

*Sing aloud
to God
our strength.*



Psalm 81:1

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

August 21, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Claire de lune”

Claude Debussy

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: As we come to worship,

People: we ask that you will warm our hearts,

Pastor: clear our minds, purify our thoughts, and motivate our wills,

People: through Jesus Christ our Savior.

***HYMN #35**

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

***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)**

**Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time,
but all of us misunderstand you some of the time:
Your thoughts on happiness;
Your ideas on giving;
Your way of making whole.
These are not always our ready choices.
Give us faith, we pray,
to risk a dangerous hope,
to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 81:1-16

page 471 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:1-14

page 849 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 #690*"God's Glory Fills the Heavens"**

God's glory fills the heavens with hymns;
 the domed sky bears the Maker's mark;
 new praises sound from day to day
 and echo through the knowing dark.
 Without a word their songs roll on;
 into all lands their voices run.
 And with a champion's strength and grace
 from farthest heaven comes forth the sun.

God's perfect law revives the soul;
 its precepts make the simple wise;
 its just commands rejoice the heart;
 its truth gives light unto the eyes.
 Forever shall this law endure:
 unblemished, righteous, true, complete.
 No gold was ever found so fine,
 no honey in the comb more sweet.

God's servant may I ever be:
 this world my joy, that word my guide.
 O cleanse me, Lord, from secret sin:
 deliver me from selfish pride.
 Accept my thoughts and words and deeds:
 let them find favor in your sight.

For you alone can make me whole,
O Lord, my refuge and my might.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: **“Lord, we praise you.”**
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

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

***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)
God of majesty and light, you hold the whole world in your hand.
So we give you our great praise that in Jesus Christ all people may see
your glory. Take us and all we have to be useful in your service, God of all
nations, in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, your Son, by the power of
your Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN #265** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Fugue in A Minor BWV 543”

J.S. Bach

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

LAY LITURGIST: Cindy Hetzler

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	8/21	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Wednesday	8/24	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Thursday	8/25	7 pm	Choir rehearsal – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8/28	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	8/28	12 pm	Session – (Small 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: hamburgers, 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.

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:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe, Jennifer Smith; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt.

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 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], [Dick Bauman, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Heather Kruspe, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder, [Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery, Technology Team], [Carl DeGraff, Treasurer], [Cheryl Fisher, Webmaster], , [Liz Whittingham, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

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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