

REJOICE



Rejoice with me, for I have found
the coin that I had lost.

Luke 15:9



Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

August 28, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Andantino”

Jeffrey Reinken

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Let us come before God with open minds to learn from God’s word;

People: open spirits to receive God’s Spirit;

Pastor: open hearts to bask in God’s love;

People: and open hands to share God’s gifts.

***HYMN #12**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

***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: If we have failed to present our bodies as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God,

People: forgive us and cleanse us.

Leader: If we have been more eager to be conformed to this world than to be transformed by the renewing of our minds,

People: forgive and renew us.

Leader: If we have thought of ourselves more highly than we ought to think,

People: forgive and restore us. Amen.

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

***DECLARATION 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

Leader: 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 51:1-19

page 452,453 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Eye Hath Not Seen”

Alfred Gaul

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:8-10

page 850 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 #772**

“Live into Hope”

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be,
the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives free from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

“Adagio in E”

Franck Bridge

***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 give these gifts because we believe:

we believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord;

we believe we have an obligation to spread the good news;

and because we believe, the Holy Spirit will empower our gifts. Amen.

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

***HYMN #600**

“Amen”

Amen, amen.

Amen, amen, amen.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Ceremonial March”

Herbert Sumsion

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: Judy Price

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	8/28	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	8/28	12 pm	Session – (Small Hall)
Monday	8/29	7 pm	Stephen Ministers – (Small Hall)
Wednesday	8/31	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Thursday	8/25	7 pm	Bethany Choir rehearsal – (Sanctuary)
Saturday	9/3	9 am	Men’s Club Breakfast – (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	9/4	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	9/4	11:30 am	Contemporary Service - (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

TODAY, COMMUNITY & GLOBAL MISSION will be collecting your donations for Habitat for Humanity. We believe “affordable housing plays a critical role in strong and stable communities.” Habitat for Humanity volunteers work in local communities along with the future homeowner to build a decent and affordable place to live. Fifty percent of the donation will go to Women’s Build and the other 50% will go to the Greece Coalition. If you have more questions, see their FAQ page, www.habitat.org/about/faq#how

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.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK - Join your Bethany family for worship on Sunday September 11, 2022, in Greece Canal Park at the Millennium Lodge at 11:00 AM. You can sign up at the table in the narthex with your dish to pass. Hots, hamburgers, beverages, and table service will be provided. Community and Global Missions is asking that we bring packaged underwear or socks for adults or children.

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].

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