



My beloved  
had a  
*vineyard*  
on a very  
*fertile hill.*

Isaiah 5:1, NRSV

# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**August 7, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

“Magnificat Octavi”

Hieronymus Praetorius

### **WELCOME**

### **GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let the people praise God.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Leader: For God rules with equity and guides the nations upon the earth.

**People: Let the people praise God.**

#### **\*HYMN #611**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us,  
joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.

**\*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)

**Our news reports are filled with stories of crises and tragedy. Our own lives are filled with uncertainty and worry. In the midst of trouble, we may be tempted to give up and follow another path. We carry a lot of heavy baggage from the past. We are often unwilling to let go of our hurts, our animosities, and our prejudices. Forgive us if we have wandered, and return us to the life of faith. Amen.**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: My friends in Christ, hear and 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 FOR ILLUMINATION** (Unison)

**Let us bow our heads in prayer.  
Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word  
that we may truly understand;**

that, understanding, we may believe,  
and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 5:1-7

page 552 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

“Lamb of God”

Georges Bizet

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 12:49-53

page 848 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 #375**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river;  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. [Refrain]

## **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**

"Andante from Trio Sonata IV, BWV 528"

J.S. Bach

**\*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)

**Let us dedicate these gifts to God. Let us bow our heads. We give generously and gladly, because we treasure the cause of Christ. The practice of giving is important to us, because Christ is important to us. In that spirit, we present these gifts. 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.

### Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

**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 #840

“When Peace like a River”

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul;  
it is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

### \*BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

“Un poco allegro from Trio Sonata IV”

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:** Polly McCubbin

**ACOLYTES:** Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Pam Auld, Wilma Chadwick, 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	8/7	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	8/7	11:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service - (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Tuesday	8/9	10:00 am	Personnel Committee meeting – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	8/9	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	8/10	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	8/10	6 pm	C&GM – (Parlor)
Wednesday	8/10	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Library)
Sunday	8/14	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

**SHIPMATES:** September 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:richhemmenway@gmail.com).

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Please join Congregational Life for an ice cream social after the worship service on August 14th in the large hall.

**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!

**LIBRARY NEWS: "WISH YOU WELL"** by David Baldacci

Although the author is known for suspense novels, this is a departure - more of a family oriented story which takes place in his native Virginia. Louisa May Cardinal, a precocious twelve year old is living in New York City in the 1940's, along with her underpaid writer father, her mother and brother Oz. Then their lives change in a single terrifying moment Louise and Oz will be raised by their great-grandmother, Louisa. In the meantime, their mother fights for her life. Suddenly Lou finds herself coming of age in a strange environment. When a dark, destructive force encroaches on their home, Lou and her brother find themselves in a different struggle which takes place in a courtroom. Beth Thomsen, Library Volunteer

**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](http://www.bethanyrochester.org)**