



Greece Canal Park's Millennium Lodge
September 12, 2021
11:00 AM

Celebration of Worship
Worship at Canal Park
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GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Welcome

God's Church in Action

Moment for Mission – Maria Wehrle, Program Director from Mothers in Need of Others Ministry

*Call to Worship

Pastor: God, as we gather together to worship you, we stand in awe of your creation.

People: We see you in the rising and setting of the sun.

We see you in the moon and the stars of the night sky.

Your creative presence is shown in the people around us.

Pastor: We see you in the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the creatures of the sea.

People: From the flowers of the valley to the mountaintops in the sky,

Pastor: we see your beauty all over the earth.

People: Let us worship you for who you are: our creator and sustainer.

*Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

*Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Though God's creation dazzles us with all of its wonder,
we have not always done our part to be good stewards of it.
Let us confess before God the times we have missed the mark
when it comes to our own lives as well as our care of creation.

**People: God, we come to you today acknowledging that things are broken.
Creation is broken. Relationships are broken. We are broken.
But in the same breath we know that you make all things new.
Today we pray that your presence would be felt in our brokenness.
We ask that through your grace all of creation would once again be made whole.
Amen.**

In silence, we confess our own personal sins.

Leader: Hear the great news today:
the life, death, and resurrection of Christ cover all of our iniquities.
Just as quickly as our sins were offered up, they have been forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem

"Here I am, Lord"
Jeff Tabor, soloist

Jack Schrader

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

**God, we thank you for your word.
Thank you that it continues to speak to us today.
As we open the scriptures this morning,
we pray that we would hear your voice loudly and clearly. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Daniel 3:13-30

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in; so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?" ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷ If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹⁹ Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary, ²⁰ and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ²¹ So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ²² Because the king's command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. ²³ But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed, and not even the smell of fire came from them. ²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Bob Spratt

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only 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

“In the Garden”



1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a-round me be



ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with-
fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe, his



Son of God dis - clos - es.
in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
voice to me is call - ing.



talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the



joy we share as we tar - ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

All: **Lord, we praise you.** or **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

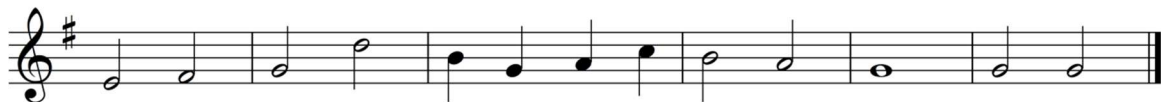
*Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

God, we know that you aren't in need of anything we have to offer.
However, you desire for us to serve you in every aspect of our life.
We pray that this offering was not a meaningless ritual but a true act of worship.
Bless these tithes and offerings and guide us
as we seek to use them to serve you in all of creation. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

*Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Malbie D. Babcock, 1901
MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Blessing

Town Hall Meeting

Designated Associate Pastor Position - Craig Johnson
Sunday School - Wendy Watt
Contemporary Worship – Cindy Hetzler
Father Willis Organ – Ed Grizer

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

DEACONS: Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Gail Kuhner, Sue Kretovic

LAY LITURGIST: Karen Bolinger

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peg Cameron, Carole (friend of Beth Thomsen), Wilma Chadwick, Wayne Crawford, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Cliff Streams and Helen West.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of September 12th is Historic Maplewood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	9/12	11 am	Worship Service in the Park – Greece Canal Park, Millennium Lodge
Monday	9/13	2 pm	Pastoral Care Deacons – (Small Hall)
Monday	9/13	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Small Hall)
Tuesday	9/14	10 am	Presbyterian Women – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	9/14	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	9/15	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	9/15	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/15	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9/16	7 pm	Spirituality & Social Justice Group – (Zoom)
Thursday	9/16	7:15 pm	Choir meeting - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	9/18	12 pm	Shipmates – (Large Hall)
Sunday	9/19	11 am	10 am Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)

Bethany Family, As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified Monroe County as an area of substantial transmission. Our church will remain fully open for worship this Sunday, but ask that all attending, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask, per the guidance of Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Mendoza. If you are not feeling well, please join us from your home for on-line worship. Please continue to pray for our health care workers and for the health and safety our congregation, friends, families, and neighbors.

Blessings, Jim Hetzler, Personnel and Operations Chairperson

Bethany Presbyterian Women in the Congregation: All women are invited to attend our meeting on **Tuesday, September 14th at 10:00 a. m. in the Large Hall.** The speaker for September will be Rebecca S. Letterman Ph.D. , Professor of Spiritual Formation at Northeastern Seminary. *Dr. Letterman's presentation will focus on the following scripture: "Rahab and Ruth: How Marginalized Women brought God's Goodness to God's People". Sometimes "diversity" feels "threatening" or uncomfortable. This study will explore ways in which women "from the margins" offered God's salvation to God's people, who in turn offered God's salvation to them. It is a prime example of the way diversity actually enriches a faith community.*

SHIPMATES: We welcome the congregation to join us on Saturday, September 18 at 1 pm in the Large Hall. Save the date, please note the change of date from our regular Saturday meeting. Make your reservations with Beth Thomsen e-mail hawaiinnana@gmail.com or 865-7181. Check in with Martha and George Hubbard with your \$2.00 and get set for an interesting program about the architecture of James H. Johnson by Katie Eggers Comeau and Christopher M. Brandt. They spent 18 months exploring Johnson's drawings and slides, interviewing his colleagues and family members, and visiting his buildings. Some of his designs include the Liberty Pole, the "Mushroom House", Temple Sinai, and St. John the Evangelist Church in the town of Greece. Please join us after a short meeting for coffee and dessert.

ROOTS & WINGS: Starts back up on September 19th.

PRESENT WORD: The Present Word will resume meeting in person every Sunday at 9:00 am beginning September 19th. What is The Present Word? The Present Word Bible Study is based on a uniform Series, a plan for reading and studying the Bible. The objectives of the series are to help persons increasingly:

1. to know the content of the Bible,
2. to understand the message of the Bible in light of their experiences and relationships, and
3. To be aware of God's self-disclosure, especially God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ, that they may respond in faith and love-to the end that they may know who they are and what human situation means, grow as the children of God rooted in the Christian community, live in the spirit of God in every relationship, fulfill their common discipleship in the world, and abide in the Christian hope.

All are invited to participate in The Present Word on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Small Hall.

Greece CROP Hunger Walk - This year's walk will take place on Sunday September 26th. Walkers will confirm their registration at Aldersgate Church and begin walking anytime between 1:30 and 2:30 pm, choosing either the 0.5 or 2.5-mile route. 25% of funds raised will be donated to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and 75% will go to CWS for fighting hunger worldwide.

Join Bethany's team or make a donation online here: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/bethany-presbyterian-church>

To make a cash donation, contact Deb Petersen or one of our walkers directly.

Fall Foliage Trolley Ride and Museum tour!

After 10 am worship on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, there will be a Fall Foliage Trolley Ride and tour of the New York Museum of Transportation sponsored by Shipmates. **Guests including children are welcome!** The trolley ride and museum tour will be preceded by box lunches so attendees do not have to go home after church or make other noon meal arrangements. The Museum is known for its large HO-gauge model railroad with area scenery and train & trolley routes. Museum volunteers will describe the model and answer questions as they operate the 5 trains and 2 trolleys. The Museum houses 14 trolley cars including the trolley car from the Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant, a steam locomotive, the historic monorail from Midtown Plaza, and many other historic vehicles and models.

Museum tickets include the trolley ride. Trolley rides depart every hour on the ½ hour, 11:30am – 3:30pm. Reservations must be made and paid in advance, since each ticket will be assigned to a specific trolley departure time. For convenience and COVID-19 safety, box lunches may be ordered (optional) and paid in advance. Box lunches and Museum tickets will be distributed in the Large Hall immediately following the worship service. Weather permitting, we plan to eat together at a pavilion in a park on the way to the Museum, details TBD. Please plan your own transportation, considering COVID-19 safety (vaccination status, family groupings). Bring folding lawn chairs in case they are needed. If weather is poor, we plan to eat our box lunches together in the Large Hall, but the Museum tour (indoor) and trolley ride will occur as scheduled.

RESERVATION DEADLINE: Saturday, September 18. High trolley ride demand is likely for October, so late purchases may be sold out or may have different trolley departure times.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



***God is our refuge and strength
therefore, we will not fear, though the waters roar and foam.***

— Psalm 46

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is mobilized and already delivering immediate aid to those impacted by Hurricane Ida. The initial assessment of the damage is staggering. The needs of those impacted is changing daily because of lack of access to power, refrigeration, water and housing. This will be a long-term commitment to the people impacted by this catastrophic destruction.

PDA will continue to work with Presbyterian leadership to respond to Hurricane Ida and remain engaged in the recovery efforts during the hurricane season of 2021, during which several named storms are expected to impact the region. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will remain — providing emotional and spiritual care and Long-Term Recovery to address unmet needs.

We invite you to join in this effort.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

GIVE: Gifts can be [made online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283 or by check, which can be made payable and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

ACT:

- Share our Mobile Cause campaign link (bit.ly/PDAIda)
- Learn how you and your congregation can help families affected by Ida. Stay informed and like us on Facebook (facebook.com/pdacares), download resources at pda.pcusa.org/pda/resources, and share updates with your congregation.
- [Download the bulletin insert](#) to share in your congregation.

PRAY: God of Compassion,

With sighs too deep for human words, we come to you again in prayer, lifting up the sorrow, the trouble and the weariness of so many of your peoples. For those whose homes and communities are torn and flooded by the winds of Hurricane Ida, for those who abide in darkness and in oppressive heat, trying to begin the work of rebuilding, especially for those whose resources and access to help are tenuous, hear our prayer.

Oh, God of all things: There is so much. May your Spirit expand our vision, sustain our attention, and deepen our compassion and commitment: For neighbors in Haiti, grieving loss, working to mend bodies and lives, moving rubble, hoping for help, weary and weighed down. For neighbors fleeing fire in western states, violence and fear in Afghanistan, for people everywhere who suffer loss of home, community, livelihood, hope. Help us to be part of your healing, your Wholeness, your hope. In the name of the Christ our justice and our life. Amen.

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 Team:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe; **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], [**Steve Watt**, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Carrie Buri**, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and **Craig Covert**, Chair], [**Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery**, Technology Team], [**Carl DeGraff**, Treasurer], [**Cheryl Fisher**, Webmaster], [**Bev Bennett**, Welcoming Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Connie Slapar**, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

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