



Do not judge, and you
will not be judged. Do
not condemn, and you
will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be
forgiven.

Luke 6:37

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

February 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE "Intonations in an Italian Style"

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Jonathan Westfall, Executive Director of ROCovery Fitness

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: God is forever calling us –

People: calling us from where we are to where we should be;

Pastor: calling us from aimlessness to purpose;

People: calling us from silence to witness.

***HYMN #828**

"More Love to Thee, O Christ"

More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek;
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee,
more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to 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, because we don't have everything, we think we have nothing,

People: forgive us and help us to be thankful.

Leader: If, having been given talents and abilities, we neglect to improve and strengthen them,

People: forgive us and help us to be diligent.

Leader: If, having been given the gift of time, we squander it on mindless and empty activities,

People: forgive us and help us to be wise.

Leader: If, having been surrounded with family and friends, we neglect to invest ourselves in their lives,

People: forgive us and help us to be loving.

Leader: If, having been given financial resources, we waste them on things that are useless and unnecessary,

People: forgive us and help us to be good stewards. AMEN

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The Lord heals the wounded, carries the tired, lifts up the fallen, and sends them on their way rejoicing. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**Your word is a light that shines the way ahead when we have lost our way.
By Your spirit, touch our hearts and open our eyes that we may hear anew
your word to us today. AMEN**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 92:1-15 page 478 in the pew Bible
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

CHORAL ANTHEM “Psalm 150” Bob Chilcott
Bethany Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:37-42 page 838 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 #834** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone

Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: "Lord, we praise you." or "Lord, hear our prayer"

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

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)

Leader: We present these offerings in gratitude,

People: For we have received much from your hand.

Leader: We present these offerings in love,

People: For we have a deep concern for others.

Leader: We present these offerings in faith,

People: For we know that you can work mightily through them. AMEN

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

***HYMN #835**

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,

grant it, Jesus, is my plea,

daily walking close to thee:

let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;

Jesus, keep me from all wrong;

I'll be satisfied as long

as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Grand Offertoire”

Francois Couperin

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, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

LAY LITURGIST: Judy Price

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peg Cameron, Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Mark Leavitt, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Bill Phillips, Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	2/27	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	2/27	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/27	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	2/27	12 pm	Session – (Zoom)
Monday	2/28	7 pm	Life Group #2 – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	3/1	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	3/2	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	3/2	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	3/3	7:15 pm	Choir - (Sanctuary)
Saturday	3/5	9 am	Men's Club Breakfast – (Jim's at the Mall)
Sunday	3/6	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	3/6	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	3/6	11:15 am	Sunday School

CHILDREN = FUTURE With Sessions' approval, the Personnel and Operations committee is forming a **search committee** for the purpose of hiring a **Christian Youth Leader**. This is a part-time, non-ordained position. The Youth Leader would be responsible for coordinating and organizing Sunday School curriculum, providing training and support to our Sunday School teachers, and leading Bethany Youth Fellowship (BYF) programs, events, activities, and missions. If you are interested in supporting Bethany's children and young adults by working on the Christian Youth Leader Search Committee, please contact Jim Hetzler (585-317-1956 or jmshetzler@gmail.com) or Craig Johnson (585-415-1578 or crjohnso@msn.com)

SHIPMATES: Saturday, March 12 meeting starts at 11AM – Bethany Large Hall. U.S. Customs and Border Control, Agent Steve Wasser will be joining us to share: border patrol history, overview, special operations, border patrol sectors, strategy, air and sea, international initiatives, canine program human trafficking. Please call Charlie Dennett at 739-3689 or cdennett@gmail.com with your reservation by March 6. Lunch will include pizza, cookies and drinks. Cost per person to be determined when all attendees have made their reservation.

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.