



For the Love  
of Money is  
a Root of  
all sorts  
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# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church

3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**September 25, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION**

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

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.  
Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty.

**All: God reigns through all generations.**

**We will praise God as long as we live.**

One: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.  
We can count on God's faithfulness at all times.

**All: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid.**

**We pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.**

--from *Gathered by Love* by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

#### **\*HYMN #619, "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"**

Praise my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor shown our forebears in distress; God is still the same forever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to  
countless years the same. Alleluia! Alleluia! All with in me, praise God's name!

Angels, teach us adorations; you behold God face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, dwellers  
all in time and space: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

#### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION –**

If we say we do not sin, we deceive ourselves and are not being honest. But if we confess our  
sin, God, who is gracious and merciful, will forgive us all our sin and cleanse us from all  
unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin together.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – (unison)**

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. Amen.

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**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS –**

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**\*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 –** Andrew Ferreira (Children may leave for “Roots and Wings” activities in the library, and return to their pews after the sermon)

**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION –**

O God, your Word is our bread of life. Make us hungry for this life-giving bread, and feed us now with your Word, that we may be nourished in the ways of life and love. Amen.

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

1 Timothy 6:6-19

pages 965,966 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

Luke 16:19-31

page 851,852 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Carolyn Grohman

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (unison; from *A Declaration of Faith*, PCUSA)**

**Christ calls us to live for our neighbors. Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death. He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet. Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have. It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival.**

**\*HYMN: #320, "The Church of Christ in Every Age"**

The church of Christ in every age,  
beset by change but Spirit-led,  
must claim and test its heritage  
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,  
the victims of injustice cry  
for shelter and for bread to eat,  
and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise,  
a caring church that longs to be  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,  
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed,  
can cure the fever in our blood,  
and teach us how to share our bread  
and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread Christ's liberating word.

**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**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

**What a joy to have something to give! Thank you, God, for granting us choices in the use of all you have placed on earth for our use. We have chosen this portion to dedicate for the ministry of the church in our community and in outreach throughout**

**the world. Make us aware of the needy at our doors as well as lost ones everywhere who long for the bread of life. Amen.**  
by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1994

--from *Gathered by Love*

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

### **HYMN #298, "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"**

Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This, my body; this, my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us  
share your children's liberty:  
with the Spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

### **BLESSING**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Please welcome Rev. Carolyn Grohman to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Bob will be back in the pulpit next Sunday.**

**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), Mike Kuitunen, Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Richard Platt, Linda Ryhal (Liz Whittingham's cousin), Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams, Linda Wood.

## BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	9/25	9 am	Present Word – (Small Hall)
Sunday	9/25	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	9/25	11:15 am	Christian Youth Studies – (downstairs)
Monday	9/26	7 pm	Life Group (Small Hall)
Tuesday	9/27	9:30 am	Belles & Beaux- (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	9/28	11 am	Bethany Staff Picnic – (Sawyer Park)
Wednesday	9/28	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9/29	12 pm	Lunch & Learn – (Large Hall)
Thursday	9/29	7 pm	Bethany Choir rehearsal – (Sanctuary)
Saturday	10/1	9 am	Men's Club Breakfast – (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	10/2	9 am	Present Word – (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/2	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/2	11:15 am	Christian Youth Studies – (downstairs)
Sunday	10/2	11:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10/2	12:15 pm	Session – (Small Hall)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHIPMATES:** On Saturday October 8th, 2022, from 12 noon to 2 PM we will be taking a scenic cruise on the Colonial Belle on the Barge Canal in Fairport, NY. All are welcome! The cost of the cruise is \$16 and lunch afterwards at the Livoti's home is \$7. You may attend one or the other or both. Dick will be in the narthex after today's service taking reservations and/or payment. Payment can be mailed to Dick Bauman, 2980 Latta Road, Rochester, NY 14612. Please call Dick Bauman at (585)227-3190 with any questions.

**C&GM** will continue our collection of underwear and socks that began at Worship at the Park. Please bring your donations and place them in the box in the Narthex any Sunday in October. Thank you for helping those in need.

**PASTORAL CARE DEACONS:** are in need of some help. A church member who uses a walker would like to be able to worship with the congregation. If you are able to bring her occasionally or on a regular basis, please call Beth Thomsen at her cell phone number 217-1053. Thank you for helping one of our own.

**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

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