

“Thy word is a  
lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto  
my path.”

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# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**July 10, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

“Adagio”

Jacob Montgomery

### **WELCOME**

### **GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

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

Pastor: As we gather this morning, let us be ready for worship;

**People: ready to be touched,**

Pastor: ready to be changed,

**People: ready to be filled with God's Spirit.**

### **\*HYMN #11**

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,  
Fortress, Fountain,  
Shelter, Light, Judge,  
Defender, Mercy, Might,  
Life whose life all life all endowed:

Refrain:

May the church at prayer recall  
that no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all is  
the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,  
Shepherd, Savior, Servant,

Lamb, Well and Water, Bread and Wine,  
Way who leads us to the I AM:

Refrain

Storm and Stillness, Breath  
and Dove, Thunder, Tempest,  
Whirlwind, Fire, Comfort, Counselor,  
Presence Love, Energies that never Tire.

Refrain

**\*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)

**We confess, holy God, that we are sometimes quick to criticize and slow to understand. We are often more ready to condemn than to approve and more likely to speak than to listen. We are apt to call what we do a "mistake," and what others do a "sin." Forgive us, Lord, for our readiness to identify the faults of others and our reticence to see our own. Amen.**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Unison)

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

**\*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)**

**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,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 119:105-112 pages 495,496 in the pew Bible  
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**VOCAL SOLO** "Panis Angelicus" Cesar Franck  
Jeff Tabor, solo

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 10:25-37 page 844 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 #353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [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**

**\*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)

**People: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died and rose triumphantly Because He lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Amen**

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

### \*HYMN #761

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friended with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,  
blending human skills together, gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence,  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person’s sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

### \*BLESSING

### \*POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso in C minor”

R. Vaughan Williams

**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, Cindi Sywulski

**LAY LITURGIST:** Cindy Hetzler

**ACOLYTES:** Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** 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.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Bill, Janet, Beth, Mark, Bobby and Sharon Nichols at the passing of Ginny Nichols.

### BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	7/10	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Tuesday	7/12	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Library)
Wednesday	7/13	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	7/13	6:30 pm	C&GM – (Library)
Wednesday	7/13	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Parlor)
Sunday	7/17	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

**CLEANUP DAY AT BETHANY:** In preparation for the “Meet & Treat Your Neighbors” program on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to have a “Spruce Up Day” at Bethany on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help trim up the vegetation along the parking lot fence as well as perform tree and brush trimming around the church building itself. Please come to Bethany’s parking lot at 9:00 AM, Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> with your own tools (clippers, hedge trimmers, ladders, etc.) to help with this important cleanup. Please call Dick Bauman at (585)227-3190 with any questions. Thank you!

**COME “MEET AND TREAT” OUR NEIGHBORS:** Saturday July 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon join C&GM and the Social Justice Group providing a free meal and games for our Dewey/Stone Neighbors. Contact Cheri Livoti if you are interested or sign up in the back to help. Many hands make light work!

**PRESBYTERIAN HOME OFFERING:** On Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Presbyterian Homes Offering. Rochester Presbyterian Home offers traditional assisted living as well as memory care for persons living with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. In addition, they offer respite services and enhanced care at out three residences. Please support this cause that some of our church family has used in the past. Thank you!

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Please join Congregational Life for an ice cream social after the worship service on August 14<sup>th</sup> 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)**



## Let's Promote Living in Place!

Bethany Presbyterian Church is exploring the opportunity to partner with Episcopal SeniorLife Communities to provide a health and wellness program for seniors in our community. Episcopal SeniorLife Communities (ESLC) will utilize the church gathering space and facilitate activities through their Neighborhood Program. To learn more about ESLC's Neighborhood Program, please visit [EpiscopalSeniorLife.org](http://EpiscopalSeniorLife.org).

We would like to understand your interest in a program of this type, please take a moment to fill out the survey below.

**If a lunch gathering were offered as part of the program, how often might you attend?**

- Once per month
- Once every other month
- 3 – 4 times per year
- I am not interested in attending a lunch gathering

**Do you prefer that the lunch is entirely a social event, or that it includes educational topics as well?**

- Social only
- Educational
- A mix of both

**I would also be interested in the following types of activities, either as part of a lunch gathering or separately (check all that apply):**

- Discussions on History / The Arts / Literature
- Discussions or Workshops on Science and Technology
- Discussions on Civic or Community Development
- Book Club, Card-Playing Group, or Similar Groups
- Art, Craft or Music Classes
- Exercise Classes or Walking Club
- Outings or Trips to Local Attractions (Theater, Museums, etc.)
- Organized Volunteer Work (Community Gardens, Visits to Childcare or Senior Centers, etc.)

**Would you need transportation to attend the lunch or activities?**

- Yes
- No

**I would be interested in working with a committee to develop this program.**

Yes, I would. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

