



I am
like

a
green
olive
tree

in the
house of
God.

I trust
in the

steadfast
love of God.

Psalm 52:8

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

July 17, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Skittzen No. 4”

Robert Schumann

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: As we gather today, let us prepare ourselves for worship. Let us be open to receive God’s Spirit.

People: Let us be open to understand God’s Word.

Pastor: Let us be open to accept God’s love.

People: Let us be ready to do God’s will.

***HYMN #63**

“The Lord is God”

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks,
and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.
With all your hearts, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the lord your God, the source of truth and light.
At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.
The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks,
and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

***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)

Forgive us, O God, when we are too preoccupied with ourselves. Forgive us when we put convenience before conviction; pleasure before purpose; fulfillment before responsibility. Help us seek the greater good rather than our individual comfort. Help us to imitate the Christ who put aside the glories of Heaven to walk as a servant among people like us. Amen.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Unison)

God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 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)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of Your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read
and Your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 52

page 453 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

VOCAL SOLO

"O For the Wings of a Dove"

Cesar Franck

Jeff Tabor, solo

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 12:13-21

page 847 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 #450**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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)
Help us, Lord, to live for others as well as for ourselves. By your example
and by the power of your Spirit, inspire us to be caring, to be sympathetic,
to be helpful, and to be generous. Amen.

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

***HYMN #765** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Refrain:
Praying, let us work for peace;
singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE** “Fugue in G” Nicolas Bruhns

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: Cheryl Fisher
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.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	7/17	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Wednesday	7/20	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	7/20	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Library)
Wednesday	7/20	7 pm	Christian Education
Saturday	7/23	12 pm	Dewey Stone Family Picnic – (Bethany parking lot)
Sunday	7/24	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

Part-Time Christian Youth Leader: We are looking for a Christian Youth Leader that would be able to start in September. Please refer to the job description inserted in the bulletin and reach out to anyone that you know that would be a good candidate for this position. Interested parties can contact Jim Hetzler (jimshetzler@gmail.com / 585-317-1956)

COME “MEET AND TREAT” OUR NEIGHBORS: Saturday July 23rd 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 24th, 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 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

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.

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: _____



Part-Time Christian Youth Leader

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Ave.
Rochester, New York 14616

We are looking for a Part-Time Christian Youth Leader to help grow our children's love and understanding of the Bible and Christ's presence in their lives through education and youth fellowship programs.

Youth participation in worship, Sunday School, and planned events ceased during COVID and participation has been very irregular since re-opening. We have been without a Christian Youth Leader for several years. We are looking for a Youth Leader to coordinate, nurture, and grow our Christian youth education program. The candidate for this position must be dedicated, self-directed, resourceful, energetic, enthusiastic, and not easily discouraged. To be successful, the candidate must be willing and able to communicate and collaborate with other churches within the Presbytery, as well neighboring churches in the community,

The position requires 20 hours of work per week for 40 weeks, roughly following the school calendar.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate and organize Sunday School curriculum, materials, and volunteer teachers while staying within the church budget
- Be available as a resource person for teachers, students, and parents
- Plan and implement Sunday School teacher training and recognition
- Actively promote Sunday School and all youth activities. Prepare a monthly article for the Bethany Mouse newsletter along with Sunday bulletin notices and Facebook page notices of youth activities and fundraising events
- Stay abreast of Presbytery-wide youth events and promote Bethany's programs as Bethany's primary contact for the Presbytery of Genesee Valley's Youth and Young Adult Work Group (YYAWG)
- Attend all Christian Education Committee meetings (monthly)
- With volunteer teachers, organize and implement one Children's/Youth Sunday per year
- Lead Bethany Youth Fellowship (BYF) meetings/social/mission activities for grades 6-12 (approximately one activity per month of the school year)

Requirements

- Experience teaching and leading children and young adults

- Knowledge of the Bible and ability to convey its teachings in a manner that is age appropriate, engaging, and aligned with the principles of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
- Strong communication skills (written, oral, and electronic media)
- High school diploma or equivalent (GED) is required