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# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**July 3, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER**

**PRELUDE**

“My Prayer is to Thee”

Dennis Eliot

**WELCOME**

**GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let the people praise God.

**People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.**

Leader: For God rules with equity and guides the nations upon the earth.

**People: Let the people praise God.**

**\*HYMN #338**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with \*brotherhood  
from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness  
and every gain divine!

**\*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)

Leader: Savior of the world, God of the nations, pardon our neglect of justice, our neglect of mercy, our neglect of compassion, our neglect of creation, our neglect of each other, and our neglect of the highest good.

**People: Forgive us by your grace and empower us by your Spirit until the kingdoms of the world become your peaceable kingdoms. Amen.**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** (Unison)

Leader: Leaving behind the failures of the past, let us rise up in confidence to face the challenges of the present and the undertakings of the future.

**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)

**Almighty God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 10:17-19 page 147 in the pew Bible  
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**VOCAL SOLO** "Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" Eric H. Thiman  
Jeff Tabor, solo

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** John 8:31-41 page 871 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 #346** "For the Healing of the Nations"

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pray with one accord;  
for a just and equal sharing  
of the things that earth affords;  
to a life of love in action  
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;  
from despair your world release,  
that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
all may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through care and goodness  
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
let it from the earth be banned:  
pride of status, race, or schooling,  
dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written  
your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness,  
bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

## **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** Antiphon, Op. 18, No. 8 “So Now as we Journey” Marcel Dupré

**\*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)  
**Almighty God, we are aware of the fact that we have many obligations and loyalties; to our families, to our church, to our country, to our schools, and to you, our God, Help us always to accept these responsibilities with energy and enthusiasm. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord’s Table.

**Invitation to the Lord’s Supper**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

**Prayer of Commitment (Unison)**

**Eternal God, we give thanks for the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. Grant that we may be strengthened in your service to share the good news of the gospel with others. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #337**

“My Country, 'Tis of Thee”

My country, 'tis of thee,  
sweet land of liberty,  
of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died,  
land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside  
let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
land of the noble free,  
thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
thy woods and templed hills;  
my heart with rapture thrills  
like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
and ring from all the trees  
sweet freedom's song.  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break,  
the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee,  
author of liberty,  
to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Processional in E Flat Major”

David N. Johnson

**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:** Karen Gullo

**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	7/3	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	7/3	11:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Monday	7/4		4 <sup>th</sup> of July
Wednesday	7/6	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	7/6	6:30 pm	Worship & Music – (Library)
Sunday	7/10	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

**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!

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

