



God has poured out his
love into our hearts....

Romans 5:5

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

June 12, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Choral Varie sur le Veni Creator”

Maurice Durufle

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is the creator of life,

People: the author of love,

Leader: the maker of family,

People: the designer of all things,

Leader: the source of all joy.

People: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, if we have turned away our ears, when you called us to do something we didn't want to do.

People: Forgive us if we have closed our mouths, embarrassed to be witnesses of what you have done for us.

Leader: Forgive us if we have sealed off our minds, resisting truth, we do not want to believe.

People: Give us courage to be open to your guidance, wherever you will lead, and whatever you wish us to become. Amen.

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

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Unison)**

Leader: My friends in Christ, hear and believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Baptism is a sacrament, and therefore an attitude of reverence is in order. Please refrain from using cameras or video equipment during the service. A reenactment after the service, specifically for picture taking, may be arranged.)

Congregational Question

Dave Clark

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the members of this church promise to tell this new disciple, Lillian Kathleen Ruggiero, the good news of the gospel, to help her know all that Christ commands and by your fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: **"WE DO."**

Congregation Prayer (Unison)

God our Father: we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament and for the hope we have in your Son, Jesus. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen.

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.]

THE ORDER FOR CONFIRMATION

Introduction of Confirmands David Covert and Zach Melville
Questions to Confirmands

Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God: we praise you for calling us to be a servant people, and for gathering us into the body of Christ. Together, may we live in your Spirit, and so love one another, that we may have the mind of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom we give honor and glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,
and show us what we ought to do,
to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 8

page 427 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

VOCAL SOLO

"Thanks Be To Thee"

Siegfried Ochs

Jeff Tabor, solo

Thanks be to Thee,

Thanks be to Thee,

We give you praise, all voices raise,
Lord we sing thanks be to Thee.

Like as a shepherd, you show the way,
Lord by Your hand we are led,
You bring salvation forevermore.

Thanks be to Thee,

Thanks be to Thee,

We give you praise, all voices raise,
Lord, we sing thanks be to Thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-8

page 917 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 #286**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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)

None of us have all of the gifts of the Spirit, but each one of us, no matter how rich or poor we are, has the gift of generosity, so we present our offerings as cheerful givers. Amen.

LITANY OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: There are different gifts,

People: but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Pastor: There are different ways of serving God,

People: but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through different people in different ways.

People: But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

Pastor: Together we are the body of Christ,

People: and individually members of Him.

Presentation of Committee Members for Commissioning

Presentation of Candidates for Installation

Constitutional Questions to the Candidates

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

Elder Bev Murray

Do you, the members of this church, accept newly elected Elders Dick Bauman, Linda Lamb and Liz Whittingham chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **“WE DO.”**

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is head of the church? **“WE DO.”**

Congregational Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, in every age, you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for these women and men whom you have called to serve you. Give them special gifts to do their special work, and fill them with Holy Spirit so they may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple as long as they shall live. Amen.

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

***HYMN #658**

“God Is So Good”

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

God cares for me;
God cares for me;
God cares for me;
God's so good to me.

God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God loves me so;
God's so good to me.

God is so good;
God is so good;
God is so good;
God's so good to me.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Finale”

Maurice Durufle

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.

We welcome this morning to the Bethany family, Lillian Kathleen Ruggiero. Proud parents Beth and Vinnie Ruggiero. Proud grandparent Dave Clark and Sandy Covey.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE: David Covert, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Sue Kretovic, Gail Kuhner, Cindi Sywulski

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, Linda Wood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	6/12	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Monday	6/13	7 pm	Life Group #2 – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	6/14	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Library)
Wednesday	6/15	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/15	7 pm	Christian Ed
Wednesday	6/15	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	6/19	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mackenzie Christine Dungey was born on June 5th at 10:59 am. Daddy made it from his South American deployment just 16 hours before she arrived. Stephanie had been in the hospital since Thursday June 2 when her doctor became alarmed because of quick and dangerous drop in her amniotic fluid. It was watched carefully and she was put on pitocin about 24 hours before baby girl's birth when they decided they could wait no more.

It was easy to see God's hand in all of this and how Steph, Kenzie and Michael were all safely brought together and through the amazing birth. Melissa and I were bedside, as well as her daddy. We are all so happy and momma and baby are doing well! - Wendy Watt

LIBRARY NEWS Have you noticed all the new books on the shelves in the Narthex and Parlor? Members of the Spiritual Growth and Bethany Church Library have been working diligently to clean up the library and put new books out on the shelves for you to sign out. Many books have been donated during the pandemic and are now available for your enjoyment. Sign out cards and due date cards are provided along with instructions in case you have never used this wonderful resource. Many books of all types are available. Enjoy! Jeannette Johnson, Church librarian

BLOOD DRIVE June 21st from 1-6 will be a Blood drive at Bethany Presbyterian Church in the large hall. This is in memory of Jerry Vogt. Please sign-up for the blood drive in the back of the church OR online through the Red Cross (www.redcrossblood.org and use "Choose My Date" and enter June 21st). There is a major shortage and this is a lovely way to donate.

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!

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