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# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**June 19, 2022**

**10:00 a.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

"Improvisation"  
"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"  
Celebration Ringers

### **WELCOME**

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

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

Pastor: Come, walk with God in these moments of worship.  
Celebrate God's covenant with us and all humankind.

**People: Surely God is here with us today.**

**We find refuge and strength as we gather.**

Pastor: God knows us by name and cares for each one of us.  
God hears our cries and responds to our needs.

**People: In our days of trouble, we call on our God.**

**We are confident that God listens and answers.**

Pastor: All people on earth are God's concern.

Those who do the will of God will experience God's realm.

**People: We have come to hear what God would have us do.**

**We seek the courage to do what God intends.**

---adapted from *Taught by Love*, by Lavon Bayler, United Church Press, 1998

#### **\*HYMN #14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

Refrain:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]

**\*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)

**Loving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our self-interest and our own advantage. You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim. Help us to face ourselves with honesty. Give us the will and courage to change our ways. Save us, O God, that our lives might give expression to your reign. Amen.**

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

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: 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** [Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Leader: 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:** Psalm 86:1-11 pages 473,474 in the pew Bible  
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**VOCAL SOLO** "If With All Your Heart" Felix Mendelssohn  
Jeff Tabor, solo

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 6:1b-11 page 917 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 Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*)  
**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.... We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.... In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**\*HYMN #307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore.  
Let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**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**

“Lied”

Louis Vierne

**\*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)

**For all the great and wondrous things you have done for us, O God, we are grateful. You give us strength to go on when we are troubled and discouraged. You grant newness of life as we share in Christ’s resurrection. We want to pass on the good news through this offering and by the way we live each day. Lead us and guide us in your steadfast love, that we might channel your gift to all we meet. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN #769**

“For Everyone Born”

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, [Refrain]

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,

the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, [Refrain]

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
for just and unjust, a new way to live, [Refrain]

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, [Refrain]

**\*BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare”

William Mathias

Please welcome Rev. Carolyn Grohman to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Bob will return in the office on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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, Brenda Spratt, Journey Spratt, Bev Murray, Beth Thomsen

**LAY LITURGIST:** Judy Price

**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	6/19	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Monday	6/20	2 pm	Pastoral Care Deacons – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	6/21	10 am	Personnel Committee – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	6/21	1 pm	Blood Drive in Memory of Jerry Vogt – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	6/21	7 pm	Contemporary Worship Task Force – (Library)
Wednesday	6/22	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Sunday	6/26	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

**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](http://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 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)**