

**So he ordered them
to be baptized
in the name of
Jesus Christ.**

Acts 10:48, NRSV



Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Improvisation” in the style of Guilman

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 heart, 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 our 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 FORGIVENESS (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!

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

Donna Bour-Purdy

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the members of this church promise to tell these new disciples, Logan Caroline Purdy and Harper Jean Purdy, the good news of the gospel, to help them know all that Christ commands and by your fellowship, to strengthen their 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. As we baptize with water, baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. 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.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 77:11-20 pages 467,468 in the pew Bible
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

VOCAL SOLO "Lord, Make Me an Instrument" Jonathan Willcocks
Jeff Tabor, solo

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:9-13 page 812 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 #488** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borbning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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 #462**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Festival Toccata"

Percy Fletcher

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, Logan Caroline and Harper Jean Purdy. Proud parents Kailin and Ann Marie Purdy. Proud grandparents Donna Bour-Purdy and Trevor Purdy.

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

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.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	6/26	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	6/26	12 pm	Session – (Small Hall)
Wednesday	6/29	12:30 pm	Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	6/29	7 pm	Investment Committee – (Small Hall)
Saturday	7/2	9 am	Men's Club Breakfast – (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	7/3	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

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