



*I will pour
out my
spirit on all
flesh ...*

Joel 2:28, NRSV

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

June 5, 2022
10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
“When Morning Gilds the Skies”
Belles & Beaux

arr. by Kevin McChesney
arr. by Karen Roth

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We have come here to sing of God’s awesome Spirit.

People: We have come as a people of faith and offer praise and thanks to God, the Lord of life.

Pastor: Fill our hearts now, great God, with the fruits of your wondrous Spirit.

People: May we be filled with love, joy and peace. May we live in kindness, goodness and gentleness with all living creatures.

*HYMN #280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;

still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

***PENTECOST LITANY**

Leader: The church was born in the mind of God, in the body of Jesus, in the fellowship of the Twelve with him.

People: It was born in power and unity at the first Christian Pentecost.

Leader: We claim to be a part of that church, O God,

People: But we need power, the power of your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Your Spirit kindles devotion that is pleasing to you:

People: Empower our services of worship!

Leader: Your Spirit assists in the reading of your Word:

People: Make us more faithful students of the Scriptures!

Leader: Your Spirit prods us to notice neighbors in need and to secure a fair deal for them:

People: Assist our ministries of compassion and make us, individually, agents of your mercy.

Leader: May we learn from your Spirit how to speak simply, about our love for Jesus and for his church,

People: So that our friends may be moved to ask themselves the right questions and find the answers in Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you!**

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)

As we settle into this familiar time and place of prayer, let us bravely open our hearts to the spirit of God, moving among us. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Genesis 11:1-9

page 8 in the pew Bible

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Give Me Jesus”

Jeff Tabor, solo

Tom Trenney

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

John 14:15-21

page 877 in the pew Bible

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

We believe in God the Creator, the risen Christ and ever-present Spirit.

We believe God whirled fire and wind into a closed room to stir up the hesitant and cautious disciples.

We believe God still stirs things up and turns things upside down.

We believe the Holy Spirit moves unexpectedly, creating opportunity, guiding reconciliation, fostering community.

The Holy Spirit will not be bound by narrow rules or closed minds or doors.

The Holy Spirit is like wind and fire, and we believe the church is most alive

when we dare to cooperate with the surprising, creating, loving Spirit of God.

Amen.

***HYMN #279**

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues,
and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee,
and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;

come, shed abroad a Savior's love,
and that shall kindle ours.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: "Lord, we praise you." or "Lord, hear our prayer"

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and 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

"Elevation (from the Convent Mass)

F. Couperin

***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)

Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God. Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your mystery remains hidden, where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word. Make us responsible heirs of your promises, in Jesus' name. 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)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #291**

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep: and over the eons you called to each thing, “A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through you people on the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

***BLESSING**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH LEADERS

Call

This meeting of the congregation is called for the purpose of electing church leaders.

Opening Prayer

Presence of a Quorum

Motion to elect Linda Lamb as Clerk for this meeting

Report of the Nominating Committee and slate of candidates

Elder Bev Murray

For 1 year term as Clerk Session

Linda Lamb

For 1 year term on Audit Subcommittee
Bev Neroni

For 3 year term on Audit Subcommittee
Julie Bauman

For 1 year term on Property Committee as Elder and Chair
Dick Bauman

For 3 year term on Property Committee
Geoff Malak

For 3 year term on Nominating Committee
Ed Grizer

For 3 year term on Spiritual Growth Committee
Lisa Clement Martha Hubbard

For 1 year term on Worship and Music Committee as Elder and Chair
Liz Whittingham

For 1 year term on Worship and Music Committee
Shirley DeGraff

Motion to allow Session to review and approve the minutes of this meeting at their next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn
Closing Prayer

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: Karen Bolinger

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	6/5	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	6/5		Congregational meeting – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	6/5	11:30 am	Contemporary Worship service – (Sanctuary)
Monday	6/6	7 pm	Stephen Ministers (Small Hall)
Tuesday	6/7	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	6/7	10 am	Presbyterian Women – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	6/8	12:30 pm	Bethany staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	6/8	2 pm	Memorial Committee meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	6/8	6 pm	C&GM – (Library)
Wednesday	6/8	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Parlor)
Wednesday	6/8	7 pm	Worship & Music Committee – (Library)
Wednesday	6/8	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	6/12	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: There will be a congregational meeting after worship today in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing church leaders.

PENTECOST OFFERING: Please support our Pentecost Offering today June 5th. 60% of the offering goes to Presbytery and connects us with children, youth and young adults. 40% of the offering will go to the Center for Youth - CFY located at 905 Monroe Avenue in the former Monroe Y building in support of the C&GM committee focus of Rochester housing.

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

BETHANY WOMEN'S JUNE LUNCH MEETING We will be meeting the 1st Tuesday on June 7th at 10:00 am instead of June 14th. Paper goods, beverages and ham will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also be voting on BPWC Officers. Nominations will be received on June 7th. Our current officers have agreed to serve

again: Moderator, Karen Bolinger, Vice Moderator, Karen Dobbins, Treasurer, Linda Lamb, Secretary, Jeannette Johnson, Historian, Lisa Clement, and Member at large, Mary Leader. *Family Promise of Greater Rochester* will be presenting.

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.

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