



O LORD
my God,
I will give
you thanks
forever.

Psalm 30:12

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

May 1, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Lied”

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

People: Sing the glory of God’s name, give to God glorious praise.

Pastor: Say to the Lord, “How awesome are your deeds!”

People: All the earth worships you and sings praise to your name.

***HYMN #14**

“For the Beauty of the Earth” (verses 1, 3, 5)

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 joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind’s delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [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**

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**

Leader: If we have neglected to share our food with the poor,

People: forgive us and help us to be generous.

Leader: If we have taken our food for granted, forgetting to give thanks,

People: forgive us and help us to be grateful.

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

(Silence)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, and abounding in steadfast love.

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)

Gracious 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

Psalm 30

page 439 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Blest be the Tie that Binds"

David Cherwien

Bethany Choir

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 #686**

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years,
We trust in thee;
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,
thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand;
with us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;
Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown
We follow thee;
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;
Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Leader: We give Lord, because we believe.

People: We believe in the power of the Word.

Leader: We believe in the power of prayer.

People: We believe in the power of sacrificial gifts, which we now give, 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.

Communion Music

Prayer of Commitment

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 #546**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound;
may the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us,
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“God of Grace”

Paul Manz

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: David Covert, Craig Foreman, Mike Haskins, Sue Kretovic, Gail Kuhner, Cindi Sywulski

LAY LITURGIST: Cheryl Fisher

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Jim (Mike Haskin's brother), Mark Leavitt, Melanie (Debbie Haskin's sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Dee Steiner, Cliff Streams, Linda Wood.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Jocelyn Ault, Craig and Norm Discher and family at the passing of Scott Discher.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	5/1	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	5/1	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	5/1	11 am	Confirmation – (Mini hall)
Sunday	5/1	11:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	5/1	11:30 am	Contemporary Service – (Sanctuary)
Sunday	5/1	1 pm	Greece Crop Hunger Walk
Monday	5/2	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Small Hall)
Tuesday	5/3	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	5/4	12:30 pm	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	5/4	6:30 pm	Worship & Music – (Library)
Wednesday	5/4	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	5/5	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir - (Sanctuary)
Friday	5/6	3 pm	Bible Fellowship – (Large Hall) All are welcome!
Saturday	5/7	9 am	Men's Club Breakfast – (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	5/8	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	5/8	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	5/8	11:15 am	Sunday School

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY: has been changed to Saturday, May 7 at 9AM.

SHIPMATES: "Mark your calendar" It's back!!!! The luncheon at Hurd Orchards will be on the THIRD Saturday...May 21st. Cost: \$15 Please call Karen Dobbins (227-7719), or Cindy Stanek (727-7853) with your reservation. Send your check \$15 (with the Shipmate activity noted in the lower right hand corner) To: Karen Dobbins 327 Orchard Creek Lane, Rochester 14612

PLEASE DONATE THE FOLLOWING FOR RELIEF IN UKRAINE

There will be a collection box in the narthex on Sunday mornings, or you may bring your donations to the church office when it is open.

- Gauze Pads
- Gauze Rolls
- Antibiotic Ointment
- Burn Pads

- Medical Tape
- Burn Gel
- Butterfly Bandages
- Baby Wipes
- Baby Bottles
- Children's NSAIDs
- Toothbrushes
- Socks
- Wash Cloths
- Aspirin
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Hot Hands
- First Aid Kits
- Tampons

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