

“Whoever welcomes
one such child
in my name
welcomes me.”

MARK 9:37, NRSV



Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

May 8, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GOD'S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need.

People: Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life! Amen.

***HYMN**

“Faith of Our Mothers’

words by A.B.Patton

Faith of our mothers, living still, in cradle song and bedtime prayer;
in nursery lore and fireside love, thy presence still pervades the air:
faith of our mothers, living faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith, fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
oh, may thy consecration prove source of a finer, nobler race:
faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, for youthful longing, youthful doubt,
how blurred our vision, blind our way thy providential care without:
faith of our mothers, guiding faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith in truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
lead us in service and save the Church, and breathe thy spirit thro' our deeds;
faith of our mothers, Christian faith, we will be true to thee till death.

***MOTHER'S DAY LITANY**

Leader: God is love. We are created in God's image to reflect and share that love.

People: We celebrate human love as a gift. We are given families, friends and communities in which to receive and nurture love for one another.

Leader: On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for our mothers who gave us the gift of life.

People: We give thanks for all the women who have loved and shaped us, comforted and encouraged us, taught us and believed in us.

Leader: We ask your blessing upon these women, O Lord. May your love strengthen and support them each day.

People: Grant them your grace and wisdom.

Leader: Anoint them with your presence and peace.

People: Thank you for your love and for family and friends with whom we share that love. 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

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. 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 98

page 480 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Thee We Adore"

Ralph Johnson

Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 15:1-17

page 878 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 Borne Cry"

I was there to hear your borne 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 borning 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." or "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)

Loving God, in you we find life, health, and strength. Through your gifts we are clothed and fed. By you comes the love with which we can love. Bless we pray what we offer to you now on these plates and those intentions which we place now on the altar of our hearts. Bless them and use them that your love and goodness may be made known. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

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

***HYMN #760**

"Bring Many Names" (verses 1, 2, 3 and 6)

Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation genius at play:
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Allegro"

CV Stanford

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: Polly McCubbin

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

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

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

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Paul & Karen Lockhart at the passing of their son Rob.

BETHANY CALENDAR

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
Monday	5/9	2 pm	Pastoral Care Deacons – (Small Hall)
Monday	5/9	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Small Hall)
Tuesday	5/10	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	5/10	10 am	Presbyterian Women – (offsite)
Tuesday	5/10	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Library)
Wednesday	5/11	6 pm	C&GM – (Parlor)
Wednesday	5/11	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Library)
Wednesday	5/11	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	5/12	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir - (Sanctuary)
Sunday	5/15	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	5/15	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	5/15	11 am	Confirmation Class – (Mini Hall)
Sunday	5/15	11:15 am	Sunday School

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

CALLING ALL LOCAL CHURCHES

It's Spring... There's no better time than now to clean out those items you no longer have a need for. Why not socialize, earn a little money and support a good cause all at the same time! Bethany Presbyterian Church is holding a community garage sale where local churches are the vendors. Any unsold items you do not want to take home can be donated to nonprofit organizations. Crafters are welcome.

WHEN: June 4th, 2022; 10 am – 3:00 pm; RAIN OR SHINE!

WHERE: Bethany Presbyterian Church parking lot

HOW: Church members call & register for the event; send in payment. Bring your items on the day of the event starting at 8:30 am in Bethany's lot. You're responsible for set-up & take-down.

HOW MUCH: \$15/3 parking spaces; \$10 for any additional 3 space units

WHY: To bring local churches together, have fun & support community outreach. Free snacks will be provided to vendors & you'll have a spot to freely advertise your crafts.

Bring food items for donation to the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf!

TO REGISTER, call Jennifer McGarrity at 585-764-5529

ANNUAL SPRING FELLOWSHIP PICNIC - SHIPMATES

Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Towpath Pavilion at Greece Canal Ponds Park.

Fellowship - Fun - Games - Barbeque

All you need to do is confirm your reservation with your payment, and just bring your Picnic Place Settings (Dishes, Cup/Mugs -including silverware). We'll provide everything else for an enjoyable lunch !

MARK THE DATE - DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING VERY SOON !

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