

# Celebration of Worship

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Bethany Presbyterian Church  
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

**October 10, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**

## **WE GATHER**

### **PRELUDE**

“Adagio from Concerto in A minor BWV 593 by Vivaldi”

J.S.Bach

### **WELCOME**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** – Gary Gullo, Nancy Cowan

### **GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Those who love God, God will deliver.

**People: Those who know God by name, God will protect.**

Pastor: Those who call out to God, God will answer.

**People: We gather this morning, as those who trust God.**

### **\*HYMN #1**

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

### **\*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 do not do to another what you would not want done to you. Do not initiate divisions, but rather let us bring peace to our hearts and to the world.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Out of sight, out of mind. We pretend there are no problems by hiding them. We bury them on the back pages of the newspaper while elevating the trite and the trivial. We focus on trivial annoyances instead of staring life and death in the face. The world is offered salvation and chooses celebrity. We assent to injustice through our silence. God, hear our confession. Confront us with our sins of neglect. May your fire burn away our illusions. We pledge as individuals and a community of faith to be your witnessing people, speaking the truth to powers, standing like a tree planted in the waters against the changes of fad and fashion. Thank you for your forgiveness. Amen.**

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

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!  
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 91:1-6

page 477 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"Alleluia"  
Bethany Choir

Gordon Young

**GOSPEL READING:**

Hebrews 11:1-3

page 977 in the pew Bible

Pastor: 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 #407**

"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" (vs. 1 - 4)

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
and make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers.  
O come, great Spirit, come!

Come as the light. To us reveal  
our emptiness and woe.  
And lead us in those paths of life  
where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts  
like sacrificial flame.  
Let our whole soul an offering be  
to our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove and spread your wings,  
the wings of peaceful love.  
And let the church on earth become  
blest as the church above.

### **SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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

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

### **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **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 (Unison)**

**We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it. What matters is what we do with all this stuff, all these things, all those possessions, while we're here. It is amazing, Creator God, the trouble we go through to make sure the world knows what's ours and what ought to be ours, when all along it's all yours. Today, in our offering, may we recognize once more our part as stewards and not owners of your good earth. Accept these gifts as we reorient ourselves toward radical discipleship. In this time of offering, we praise you. Amen.**

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

### **HYMN #700**

**"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"**

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

“The Celestial Clock”

Isaiah Williams

Please welcome guest organist, Isaiah Williams, an undergraduate student from the Eastman School of Music. The postlude today was composed by Isaiah, himself.

**CHILDCARE** is available.

**THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**DEACONS:** Dick Bauman, Richard Britton, Wayne Crawford, Bev Murray, Brenda Spratt, Beth Thomsen

**LAY LITURGIST:** Kim Bolinger

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Peg Cameron, Carole (friend of Beth Thomsen), Wilma Chadwick, Donna Hancock, Debbie Leipold (friend of Bev Murray), Melanie (Debbie Haskin’s sister), Nancy Ann (friend of Virginia Britton), Richard Platt, Cliff Streams.

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of October 10 is the Lyell-Otis neighborhood.

**BETHANY CALENDAR**

Sunday	10/10	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/10	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/10	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday	10/11	7 pm	Life Group – (Small Hall)
Tuesday	10/11	10 am	Presbyterian Women – (Large Hall)
Tuesday	10/12	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	10/12	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Large Hall)
Wednesday	10/13	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Library)
Wednesday	10/13	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Library)
Wednesday	10/13	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	10/14	7 pm	Spirituality & Social Justice Group – (Zoom)
Thursday	10/14	7:15 pm	Choir meeting - (Sanctuary)
Sunday	10/17	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/17	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/17	11:15 am	Sunday School

Bethany Family, As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified Monroe County as an area of substantial transmission. Our church will remain fully open for worship this Sunday, but ask that all attending, regardless of their vaccination status, wear a mask, per the guidance of Monroe County Executive Adam Bello and Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Mendoza. If you are not feeling well, please join us from your home for on-line worship. Please continue to pray for our health care workers and for the health and safety our congregation, friends, families, and neighbors.  
Blessings, Jim Hetzler, Personnel and Operations Chairperson

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:** is in the process of organizing the College Care Card event once again. Please let me know, if you haven't already, whether you'd like your student to receive a care card. Also, anyone wanting to make a donation to this event can also contact me. Thank you, Jennifer McGarrity, CLC Elder/Chair [mcvamp22@gmail.com](mailto:mcvamp22@gmail.com)

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY:** is next Sunday, October 17, 2021 ~ 10:00 AM ~ Rev. Lisa Lancaster, guest preacher.

**BETHANY STAFF - Pastoral:** Dr. Bob Spratt, Head of Staff/Sr. Pastor, [drspratt.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:drspratt.bethany@gmail.com);  
**Music Team:** Jacob Montgomery, Music Director, [jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com); Jean Coniber, Bell Choir Director, [jconiber233@gmail.com](mailto:jconiber233@gmail.com); Jeff Tabor, Staff Singer; **Office Team:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, [sengillo.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:sengillo.bethany@gmail.com); Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, [tolney.bethany@gmail.com](mailto:tolney.bethany@gmail.com); **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt.

**LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS** - [**Donna Bour-Purdy**, Audit Committee Chair], [**Craig Johnson**, Budget and Finance Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Wendy Watt**, Christian Education], [**Judy Price**, Community and Global Mission Committee Session Elder and **Cheryl Fisher**, Chair], [**Jennifer McGarrity**, Congregational Life Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Judy Montanari**, Investment Management Committee Chair], [**Craig Foreman**, Liturgical Deacons Chair], [**Al Adaskin**, Memorial Committee Chair], [**Bev Murray**, Nominating Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Karen Dobbins and Judy Price**, Pastoral Care Deacons Co-Chairs], [**Jim Hetzler**, Personnel and Operations Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Dick Livoti**, Presbytery Delegate], [**Steve Watt**, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Carrie Buri**, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and **Craig Covert**, Chair], [**Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery**, Technology Team], [**Carl DeGraff**, Treasurer], [**Cheryl Fisher**, Webmaster], [**Bev Bennett**, Welcoming Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Connie Slapar**, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

**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)**