

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

October 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Chorale in E Major”

Cesar Franck

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Pastor: We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

People: We will continue to be blessed by God!

Pastor: Dear ones, God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us. We are called to give back.

People: We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our talents and of our treasures.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

People: Let us give thanks to God! Let us proclaim our faith in God! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone!
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heaven your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

We give thanks that we are unconditionally loved by God, Therefore, in a spirit of gratitude, let us bring honest hearts as we turn over to God the ways we have disappointed ourselves, others and God.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of grace, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done and what we have failed to do. Hold us in your love, and empower us to become more of who we are called to be.

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: When we come to Jesus, we know he sympathizes with our weaknesses, and was tempted in every way. When we come to Him, we receive mercy and grace. Therefore I declare to you that our sin is forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

As the Word is read and preached today, help us be open in body, mind and spirit to hear your word.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 27:30-34

page 102 in the pew Bible

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

ANTHEM

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

Christopher Wiggins (b. 1968)

Bethany Choir

Rejoice in the Lord always; Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, and again, and again,
I say, rejoice! Let your moderation be known to all people.

Rejoice in the Lord always; Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, and again, and again, I say, rejoice!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10:25-28

page 844 in the pew Bible

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Lisa Lancaster

***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 #729

“Lord I Want to be A Christian”

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

“Adagio”

Frank Bridge

***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)
O God, bless these gifts by helping us use them as an investment in your kingdom. Give us vision to see whom we might help, wisdom to know how to act and courage to do what is right. Amen.

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

HYMN #719

"Come Labor On"

Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share;
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.
Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here.
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill
God's righteous will.

Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Well done, well done!"

COMMITMENT TIME

Completion of Estimate of Giving Cards
Prayer of Commitment
Offering Our Gifts to God

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Festival Trumpet Tune"

David German

Please welcome Rev. Lisa Lancaster to the pulpit this morning. Rev. Lisa Lancaster was ordained in 1987. After serving as a pastor for four years at a church near Princeton, she worked as a chaplain at a health care system in central New Jersey, supervising many field education students in her 23 years there. Since her retirement, and has worked as a spiritual director. She and her husband live on Lake Ontario in Hilton NY with their children: a beagle and two cats.

CHILDCARE is available.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

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

LAY LITURGIST: Judy Price

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 17 is the Neighborhood of the Arts.

BETHANY CALENDAR

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
Monday	10/18	7 pm	Stephen Ministry – Large Hall
Tuesday	10/19	10 am	Personnel Committee – Small Hall
Tuesday	10/19	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	10/19	7 pm	Contemporary Worship Task Force (Library)
Wednesday	10/20	6:30 pm	C&GM – (Library)
Wednesday	10/20	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/20	7 pm	Christian Ed – (Narthex)
Wednesday	10/20	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers – (Sanctuary)
Thursday	10/21	7:15 pm	Choir meeting - (Sanctuary)
Friday	10/22	3 pm	Bible Fellowship, All Welcome! – (Large Hall)
Sunday	10/24	9 am	Present Word - (Small Hall)
Sunday	10/24	10 am	Worship Service – (In person, Zoom, Facebook, Boxcast)
Sunday	10/24	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

FOOTBALL SUNDAY: November 14, 2021 Please join the Spiritual Growth and Congregational Life Committees on 11/14/21 for Football Sunday! Bring your friends, tailgate in the parking lot beforehand, and then join us in the Large Hall to watch the Bills take on the Jets at 1:00. Of course, the congregation is encouraged to wear their favorite team shirt or colors to church that day. More information to follow. Questions? Call Carrie Buri (716)390-8941

SHIPMATES: All are welcome to the Shipmates' November 13 meeting

- Have you ever wondered how Jean Coniber manages to play all those bells when she performs a bell solo in church?
- Have you ever wondered how the musical art form of bell ringing came to be?
- Have you ever wondered how the Bethany bell choir members manage to keep everything straight when playing?

Come to the Bethany sanctuary at 11:00 on Saturday, November 13 for a talk and a bell performance by Bethany's own Jean Coniber. Bring your own lunch to be enjoyed afterward. Dessert will be provided. Free will donation appreciated. Please make your reservation by Nov 7 by calling Linda Wood at 585-621-1896, so we may plan for socially distanced lunch seating and enough dessert.

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