



Whoever
does not carry
their cross and
follow me cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:27, NIV

Celebration of Worship

Bethany Presbyterian Church
3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616

September 4, 2022
10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

“Andante Religioso”

Patrick Goeman

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made,

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***HYMN #299**

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad Christ’s wonderful name.

The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
whose kingdom is glorious, who rules over all.

Ascended on high, almighty to save,
he still remains nigh; his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,

all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

***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 (Unison)**

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. By Your loving mercy, help us to live in Your light and abide in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

People: By the grace of our Lord, 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 - Andrew Ferreira [Children may leave for "Roots and Wings" activities in the library, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

God, clear the cobwebs from our minds that we may hear Your word in its inspired beauty. Grant that our hearing will be our understanding and our understanding will be doing. In the name of the living Word, our Lord Jesus, Amen.

***OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 139:1-6, 14-24 pages 503,504 in the pew Bible

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

ANTHEM "In Native Worth" Recit and Aria from "The Creation" Franz Joseph Haydn

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”

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.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: **“Lord, we praise you.”**
“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

“Angus Dei”

Georges Bizet

***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 THANKSGIVING** (Unison)

Gracious God, every good gift comes from You. In gratitude for the bounty of blessings we have received, we offer you our lives, our tithes, and our offerings. Be pleased to multiply these offerings in the service of others. Through Christ we pray, 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 (Unison)

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 #26**

“Earth and All Stars!”

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers, sing to the lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers, sing to the lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth, loud sounding wisdom, sing to the Lord an new song!
Daughter and son, loud praying members, sing to the Lord a new song!
God has done marvelous things. We too sing praises with a new song!

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Introduction and Fanfare”

William Walton

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: Polly McCubbin

ACOLYTES: Catherine Tedji, Deborah Tedji

The gladiolus on the chancel are in memory of Carl & Elizabeth Greenauer, and the bouquet of flowers are in honor of Alex and Annalee Torpey, grandson of Carole Carroll and great nephew of Gail Kuhner. Given by Gail Kuhner.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, Wilma Chadwick, Betty Griswold, 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, Cindi Sywulski, Linda Wood.

BETHANY CALENDAR

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| Sunday | 9/4 | 10 am | Worship Service – (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast) |
| Sunday | 9/4 | 11:30 am | Contemporary Service - (In person, Youtube, Facebook, Boxcast) |
| Monday | 9/5 | | Labor Day |
| Wednesday | 9/7 | 12:30 pm | Bethany Staff Meeting – (Library) |
| Wednesday | 9/7 | 6:30 pm | Worship & Music Committee – (Library) |
| Thursday | 9/8 | 2 pm | Property Committee – (Small Hall) |
| Thursday | 9/8 | 7 pm | Bethany Choir rehearsal – (Sanctuary) |
| Saturday | 9/10 | 9 am | Shipmates – (Seneca Park Zoo) |
| Sunday | 9/11 | 11 am | Worship in the Park – (Millennium Lodge Greece Canal Park) |

ATTENTION YOUTH: our Sunday School will now be known as Christian Youth Studies. It will be an all ages class from 11:15-12 downstairs. It may be located in different rooms depending on the studies for that day (either the K-5 red room or movie room most likely). Our first class will be Sept. 18 which is the week after Worship in the Park. Come join us for some music, fellowship and fun.

Bethany warmly welcomes Andrew Ferreira as our new part-time Youth Leader! Andrew joins us with a great deal of experience as a program director in many non-profit organizations and pastor. He has served all generations and has designed/implemented a variety of programs that enrich the intended audience. Uniquely, Andrew has utilized magic within each ministry opportunity. During our meeting with him, Andrew exemplified the characteristics and qualities of the person we were hoping to fill this position with. His calm demeanor, yet vibrance in explaining past programs and methodologies we feel are a perfect fit for Bethany's youth ministry. One reference described Andrew as one who "looks to build relationships, not just fill a spot." Among the tasks for this position are working with CEC in creating a curriculum to grow our children's education programs and lead Bethany Youth Fellowship. We look forward to his presence, ideas and leadership. He will be looking upon all of us for assistance in making sure our children's programming flourishes! His first day with us is Sunday, September 4th.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Yours In Christ,

Youth Leader Search Committee

Jim Hetzler, Ken Conner, Cari Buri, Wendy Watt, Tracey Meville, April Honan, Craig Johnson, Jennifer McGarrity and Dorie Patanella

SHIPMATES: September 10th is the visit to the Seneca Park Zoo. Meet at 10 AM where Theresa and Sue Kretovic will guide you through the zoo. All are invited. \$10 includes entry and a ride back in the zoo tram. Lunch will be at the new zoo café after our 2 hours of visiting the animals. Hopefully the animals will be out entertaining you. Lunch is your choice of: hamburgers, hots, salads or ice cream. We will also be collecting Shipmate dues of \$10 for 2022-2023. If possible let Sue know if you are planning on coming Lkretovic@gmail.com.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK - Join your Bethany family for worship on Sunday September 11, 2022, in Greece Canal Park at the Millennium Lodge at 11:00 AM. You can sign up at the table in the narthex with your dish to pass. Hots, hamburgers, beverages, and table service will be provided. Community and Global Missions is asking that we bring packaged underwear or socks for adults or children.

CALLING ALL WOMEN: Bethany women will be **meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Hall**. Our guest speaker will be John Rabish from *Alyssa's Angels*. The mission of *Alyssa's Angels* is to do work that reflects the spirit of giving to and caring for others, which was so important to Alyssa Rose Bruno. Funds that are generated will be used to support projects that will directly benefit the most disadvantaged and needy children in the Rochester area. These projects will focus on children who are: victims of abuse and/or neglect, experiencing serious medical, behavioral or emotional problems, lacking in family or other community supports.

All women and friends are invited to gather at **Sawyer Park on Saturday, September 24th at 10:00 a.m.** Please your own lawn chair.

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

This novel takes place in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi and revolves around three women. One, Aibileen, is a black maid, raising her seventeenth child. Skeeter has just returned from college; normally Skeeter will find solace in Constantine, the beloved maid who raised her, but Constantine has inexplicably disappeared. These three women plot secretly to write a tell-all book about what it's really like to work as a black maid in the white homes of the south. Who is your favorite character and why? How much of a person's character would you say is shaped by the times in which he or she lives? On a personal note, this book is among my top five favorites ever! ~ Beth Thomsen

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 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:** Eileen Sengillo, Administrative Assistant, sengillo.bethany@gmail.com; Tom Olney, Bookkeeper and Contributions Secretary, tolney.bethany@gmail.com; **Custodian:** Jim Cruppe, Jennifer Smith; **Nursery:** Jennifer Watt; **Youth Leader:** Andrew Ferreira, aferreira.bethany@gmail.com.

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], [Dick Bauman, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [Heather Kruspe, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder, [Ron Fisher, Jim Hetzler, Mike Kuitunen and Jacob Montgomery, Technology Team], [Carl DeGraff, Treasurer], [Cheryl Fisher, Webmaster], , [Liz Whittingham, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair].

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