

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

February 7, 2021

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** “Chorale et Variations from Organ Sonata in D minor, Op. 65”

Felix Mendelssohn

This movement is a set of variations on the chorale “Vater unser im Himmelreich”, a paraphrase of the Lord’s Prayer. The variations each encompass sections of the prayer. The closing toccata section depicts our cry to deliver us from evil, for thine is the glory, now and forever, amen!

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Happy are those who give freely to the poor, who nurture hope, and who trust the commandments of the Lord.

**People: God calls us to worship this day,  
and offers us grace, mercy, and righteousness.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

### HYMN #20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors;  
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky: [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,

the ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them every one. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

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** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: We confess, Lord, our silence in the face of injustice,

**People: our conformity in the face of pressure,**

Leader: our neglect in the face of responsibility,

**People: our nonchalance in the face of calamity,**

Leader: our indifference in the face of tragedy.

**People: Pardon, we pray, our silence, our conformity, our neglect,  
our nonchalance, and our indifference, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Leader: Let us in silence ask for forgiveness of our own personal sins.  
(Silence)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: Remember God's pardon.

**People: Remember God's promises and purpose for our life. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**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 147:1-11 Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**ANTHEM**

"O for a Closer Walk"

C.V. Stanford

Jeff Tabor, tenor; Kayla Stein, soprano; Alli Hotz, alto; Leif Pedersen bass

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

First Corinthians 9:24-27

**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

**HYMN #837**

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms;  
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,  
 safe and secure from all alarms;  
 leaning, leaning,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms;  
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms?  
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
 leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS****THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE****THE LORD'S PRAYER****INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH** Lay liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: Let us remember to support Christ's church.

**OFFERTORY “Andante from Organ Sonata in D minor, Op. 65”**

Felix Mendelssohn

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)** Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

**Almighty God, accept these gifts as one evidence that your Spirit is at work in our lives, motivating us to seek the welfare of others and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. 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****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.**

**HYMN #541****“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”**

God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
 keep love's banner floating o'er you;  
 smite death's threatening wave before you:  
 God be with you till we meet again.

## BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** “Sostenuto et Legato from Organ Sonata in D minor, Op. 65”  
 Felix Mendelssohn

Please welcome guest vocalists Kayla Stein (soprano), Alli Hotz (alto), and Leif Pedersen (bass)

## BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	2/7	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	2/7	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/7	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Monday	2/8	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Zoom)
Tuesday	2/9	10 am	Personnel Committee
Tuesday	2/9	7:30 pm	Congregational Life (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/10	10 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/10	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	2/10	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth (Zoom)
Thursday	2/11	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Sunday	2/14	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	2/14	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
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Christian love and sympathy is extended to Karen & Michael Vanderburgh and Kim and Ben Rudd and family, at the passing of BettyAnn Smith.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Gilbert and Kessler families, at the passing of Tom Kessler.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Duane and David Gaul and family, at the passing of Pauline Gaul.

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of February 7th  
 – **Town of Clarkson.**

The **Annual Meeting** of Bethany Presbyterian Church has been called for **Sunday February 21, 2021 immediately following the virtual worship service (on Zoom)** for the purpose of hearing reports, receiving the 2021 annual budget and the pastor's terms of call, and for any other business that may properly come before the meeting. This will take place immediately after the virtual 10AM worship service.

**THE DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (DPNC) has been meeting regularly and is still actively looking for a designated associate pastor/youth leader. Unfortunately, few candidates have applied for the position and those who have were not matches. We met this week with Mary Cowden of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to discuss other potential sources of candidates. The taskforce is working with the Presbytery network to expand the candidate search and will keep the Bethany congregation abreast of any updates when they become available. Please keep the DPNC and potential candidates in your prayers.

**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.

**REQUEST FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS:**

Are you anxious to get back into the sanctuary? Would you like to learn a new skill? We are looking for volunteers to assist in live streaming our Sunday worship services as camera operators. Please contact Ron Fisher ([rfisher97@gmail.com](mailto:rfisher97@gmail.com)) or Jim Hetzler ([jmshetzler@gmail.com](mailto:jmshetzler@gmail.com)) for more information. *COVID-19 protocols are followed for everyone's protection.*

**SERENDIPITY LIFE GROUP #3:** is one of the Life Studies groups at Bethany. The meetings are relaxed and based around passages from the Serendipity Bible. The discussions are not "heavy" and are relatable to our everyday lives and experiences. It is an enjoyable experience to get to know the other members of our church family. Any questions, please call Jack Bansbach at 227-1265. We are currently meeting via Zoom every other week, Monday's at 3PM, next meeting February 15th.

**LIFE GROUP #4:** Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 3:00 in the Large Hall. Due to Covid-19 guidelines and session regulations, there is a maximum of 10 for in-person meetings. Please call Bev Bennett (585)-225-0206 in advance to sign-up.

### **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning on Wednesday evening, February 17, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Dr. Spratt will lead a seven-week Lenten Devotional on the Stations of the Cross on Zoom. The Zoom account number is 243 911 4010, no password is required.

The exact origin of the devotional use of The Stations of the Cross is not entirely clear, though it is associated with Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem in the early Christian centuries.

Those who were able to walk along the path Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion were deeply moved by this experience. Yet, since the vast majority of Christians were not able to go to Jerusalem, The Way of the Cross enabled them to engage in a mini-pilgrimage of sorts, so they could focus on the key events of Jesus' last day.

February 17

Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-46)  
Jesus, betrayed by Judas, is arrested (Luke 22:47-48)

February 24

Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)  
Peter denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)

March 4

Jesus is judged by Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)  
Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns (Luke 22:63-65; John 19:2-3)

March 11

Jesus takes up the cross (Mark 15:20)  
Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross (Luke 23:26)

March 18

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27-31)  
Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:33, 47)

March 24

Jesus promises his Kingdom to the good thief (Luke 23:33-34, 39-43)  
Jesus on the cross, his mother and his disciple (John 19:25-27)

March 31

Jesus dies on the cross (Luke 23:44-46)  
Jesus is placed in the tomb (Luke 23:50-54)

Walk along The Way this Lent.

**LIVESTREAMING:** If you have a Smart TV or connect to internet channels on your television with Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, Apple TV, or Chromecast you can add the BoxCast channel and view our Sunday Services live on your TV. Past services will also be available on the BoxCast channel, so you can get caught up or re-watch any time.



1. Add the BoxCast Channel to your internet-connected TV
2. Click on [Find an Organization]
3. Type: **bethany presbyterian**  
(Two organizations are named "bethany presbyterian", ours is the one with the picture of the sanctuary)
4. Click on our "bethany presbyterian" to select this channel
5. View a recent broadcast or live worship service here
6. Return to the BoxCast main page when finished
7. Bethany Presbyterian Church will be saved to the main page - just click for future viewing

Sunday services will continue to be available on Zoom and Facebook and you can continue to use Facebook chat for sharing your prayer requests during the service.

**New Boxcast Link** <https://boxcast.tv/view/bethany-sunday-service-391388>

Join Zoom by phone only by calling +1 (646) 558-8656 on your land line or (646) 558-8656 on your cellular phone (there may be a long distance charge) and enter the following Meeting ID# 243 911 4010 when prompted, followed by the # sign.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2439114>



We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

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