

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2020

PRELUDE

“Jesus Loves Me”

William Bolcom

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God, we enter into a brand new moment of worship this moment.

People: We come with deep gratitude and wide expectation.

Pastor: Thank you for dreaming this day into being.

People: Thank you for inviting us to celebrate it with you and with one another.

HYMN# 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

HYMN# 370

“This is My Father’s World”

This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world.
O, let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world.
The battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
and earth and heaven be one.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH – Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Leader: Let us remember to support Christ’s church. Let us pray.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty: we thank you for pouring your love into our hearts. Through these offerings may your love spill over in glad abundance that brings relief, renewal, and hope to those who are in need. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN# 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Évocation"

Marcel Dupré

This work was composed in 1942 after his father's death. Marcel was unable to leave Paris for his father's funeral as he had to stay at St. Sulpice and prevent any damage to the organ due to World War II as pipes were often vandalized for metal and materials during the war.

BETHANY CALENDAR

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| Sunday | 6/21 | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) |
| Sunday | 6/21 | 11 am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom) |
| Tuesday | 6/23 | 7 pm | Life Group meeting - (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 6/24 | 10 am | Staff meeting - (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 6/24 | 4 pm | Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall) |
| Thursday | 6/25 | 7 pm | Bethany Choir - (Zoom) |
| Thursday | 6/25 | 7 pm | Shipmates Officers meeting – (Zoom) |
| Sunday | 6/28 | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) |
| Sunday | 6/28 | 11am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom) |
| Sunday | 6/28 | 12 pm | Session meeting - (Zoom) |

Life Group Opportunity

A Life Group is a small group (ideally 8-10 people) who gather regularly to grow in faith and fellowship. At Bethany, we have had three Life Groups—two of whom study/discuss Christian books, and one which studies/discusses the Serendipity Bible. The format of the group and the topic/book choice is decided by the members of the group. Life Group 1 has decided that its group has run its course and will not be starting back up in September. If you would like to begin or be part of a new Life Group 1, please contact Carrie Buri at theburis@yahoo.com or (716)390-8941. Thank you!

Bethany's Virtual Coffee Hour is cooking with Gas!

Each Sunday after our live worship service we have a 30 Minute Virtual Coffee Hour where you will have the opportunity to talk with other members of our church family face to face in small groups of about 6 people! Remember we ask that you turn on your PC camera so we can all see your smiling faces, so be sure to wear your best PJ's!!

Here is an image of the group from a Sunday's Coffee Hour. All went very smoothly. Once you get online we break out into smaller groups so everyone gets a chance to talk or just listen, as you choose.

If you are having troubles using Facebook and or Zoom to watch the live Worship services or to join our coffee hour, please contact the church office at 663-3000 and they will get you in touch with someone who might be able to help.

Keep Safe, Stay Well and Be Kind,
God Bless, Ron

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/2439114010>



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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

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