

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

October 18, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Toccatà Prima”

Georg Muffat

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT - Gary Gullo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Take from us, Lord, our hearts of selfishness.

People: Give us hearts full of generosity.

Pastor: Take from us Lord, our hearts of indifference.

People: Give us hearts full of compassion.

Pastor: Take from us, Lord, our hearts full of doubt.

People: Give us hearts full of faith.

Pastor: Take from us, Lord, our hearts full of fear.

People: Give us hearts full of love.

HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning;
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven;
 Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden;
 Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
 Born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning;
 God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO CONFESSION – John Goehle

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 – John Goehle

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – Rev. John Goehle**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (Unison) – Lay liturgist, Kim Bolinger

**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

John 3:16 – Lay liturgist, Kim Bolinger

ANTHEM

“There is a Green Hill Far Away”

Jeff Tabor, tenor

Charles Gounod

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5

SERMON

“Show them your Love”

John Goehle

HYMN #69**“Here I Am Lord”**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, If you lead me,
 I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.
 Is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go, Lord, If you lead me,
 I will hold your people in my heart.

SHARING OF CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS**THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER****INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH**

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

OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison) – Lay liturgist, Kim Bolinger

God of extravagant mercy, with hands outstretched you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight, goodness and beauty and bounty. So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished, trivial and wretched and tyrannical, in our world and in ourselves—and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

BLESSING**POSTLUDE**

“Jesu, meine Zuversicht”

Gottfried Homilius

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	10/18	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) Commitment Sunday
Sunday	10/18	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Monday	10/19	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Large Hall)
Tuesday	10/20	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	10/21	10 am	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/21	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	10/21	7 pm	Budget & Finance – (Zoom)
Thursday	10/22	7 pm	C&GM – (Zoom)
Thursday	10/22	7 pm	Bethany Choir - (Zoom)
Friday	10/23	3 pm	Life Group #4 – (Large Hall)
Saturday	10/24	9 am	Bethany Men’s Outdoor Breakfast – (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	10/25	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	10/25	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	10/25	12 pm	Session – (Zoom)
Sunday	10/25	1 pm	Football Sunday – (Bethany parking lot)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Betty Wilson (Marie Watt’s sister) whose cancer has aggressively returned and prayers for Marie who is unable to tend to her sister due to the COVID restrictions.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: Congregational Life would like to send College Care Gifts/Cards to our youth. If you have a college/military youth you'd like to have receive a gift from CLC and/or you'd like to make a donation to this event, please sign up by contacting Jennifer McGarrity at mcvamp22@gmail.com or 764-5529 by Nov 1st.

GREECE CHORAL SOCIETY: is looking for singers who would like to participate in virtual rehearsals (via Zoom) Monday nights, 7:15-9:15. If you are interested, please contact our director, Dr. Rollo Fisher, at rollo.fisher@gmail.com for details.

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 October 26.

LIFE GROUP #4: Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 3:00 in the Large Hall. Bev is open to any ideas the group may have and has suggested continuing the fun and fellowship with a pot-luck dinner or going out for a fish fry together afterwards. 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.

FOOTBALL SUNDAY: Football Sunday Please join the Spiritual Growth Committee on Sunday, October 25 at noon to watch the Bills take on the Jets for a socially distanced tailgating event in the Bethany parking lot. The game will be projected onto a large screen for an event your friends and family can enjoy! Bring your game day spirit and join us in an afternoon filled with fun and fellowship. If you have any questions, feel free to call Carrie Buri at (716) 390-8941. Go, Bills!

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

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7 MARKS OF A VITAL CONGREGATION



**Mark 7 represents one of the 7 petals of the Vital Congregations Initiative Flower*

Ecclesial Health vs. Unhealthy dysfunction; toxic environments; obsolete and irrelevant buildings

“The body does not consist of one member but of many. God has so arranged the body that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.”

1 Corinthians 12:14, 24b–25

- Understanding of: Why are we a church community? How are we a church community in practice? Prayer permeates all life together.
- Clarity in mission, core values to ministry, passion and joy in being the church. Our budget reflects these values, vision and ministries.
- Fiscally responsible: Stewardship and tithing are taught, transparency in spending, continual assessment/discernment of a sustainable budget.
- All are aware of how decisions are made, stakeholders in the process and procedures, valued voices in the envisioning, open to changes, continual assessment of -the “why” and “how” we are church together.
- Nurturing and supporting the health of pastor(s), staff, and all called to lead; fighting against burnout.

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.

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