

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 21, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Arabesque”

Louis Vierne

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and worship the Lord in grace and truth!

People: Come and serve the Lord, with mind soul and body!

Leader: Come and worship the Lord in repentance!

People: Come and worship the Lord in forgiveness sought and given.

All: Come and worship the Lord!

HYMN #169

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

CALL TO CONFESSION Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger

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 – Karen Bolinger

Leader: Forgive us O Lord when we proudly remember our heritage and forget
to live and anticipate your future.

**People: Forgive us O Lord when we remember our achievements, and we
think that we can stop now, because we have done enough.**

Leader: Forgive us when we neither do nor, appreciate the work done for the
least among us; when we forget the weak, the hungry and the imprisoned.

**People: Forgive us when we look at our retirement portfolio satisfied, but
then turn away from the poor.**

Leader: Forgive our sins, and shortcomings. Help us to change who we are.

All: Help us to tirelessly serve you! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger

Leader: Our God is a loving God!

**People: Christ is our Savior who did not spare his own life, but gave it up
for the world.**

Leader: Through the love of God we are forgiven.

**People: For the sake of Christ we are the beloved children of God and
servants of God's kingdom. Amen**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger
Lord God, be among us through your Spirit, filling our hearts so we may speak and hear your words. Be here filling our minds so we may serve you here and now, tomorrow and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34 Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger

ANTHEM “Wash me Thoroughly” Samuel Wesley
 Kayla Stein – Soprano, Laura O’Neil - Alto
 Jeff Tabor – Tenor, Leif Pedersen - Bass

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 12:20-33

SERMON Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #182 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast.”
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live.”
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 “I am this dark world’s light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright.”
 I looked to Jesus, and I found

in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger
Leader: Let us remember to support Christ's church.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Karen Bolinger
**We have nothing that we did not receive from you O God. Let us return
some of your gifts for the life of the church, and for the glory of your
name. Let us give our lives to you and run that race, never forgetting the
prize that awaits us in your kingdom. Amen**

HYMN #436 "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"

God of compassion, in mercy befriend us,
giver of grace for our needs all-availing.
Wisdom and strength for each day ever send us,
patience untiring and courage unailing.

Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.

How shall we stray, with your hand to direct us,
you who the stars in their courses are guiding?
What shall we fear, with your power to protect us,
we who walk forth in your greatness confiding?

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Rhapsody No. 3"

Herbert Howells

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	3/21	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	3/21	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	3/21	11 am	Coffee hour – (Zoom)
Monday	3/22	7 pm	Life Group #2 – (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/24	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/24	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	3/24	7 pm	Lenten Book Study (Zoom)
Thursday	3/25	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Thursday	3/25	7 pm	C&GM – (Zoom)
Friday	3/26	3 pm	Bible Study – (Zoom)
Saturday	3/27	10 am	Bethany Women’s Zoom lunch – (Zoom)
Sunday	3/28	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	3/28	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	3/28	11am-Noon	Pick up palms at Clark entrance
Sunday	3/28	11 am	Coffee hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	3/28	12 pm	Session meeting – (Zoom)

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of March 21st
- Town of Greece.

PALMS will be available for pick-up at the Clark entrance on Sunday, March 28th
between 11AM – 12PM.

BUILDING CARING RELATIONSHIPS: Our faithful “Callers”- Heather Kruspe, Karen McIver, Linda Lamb, Jeannette Johnson, Cindy Hetzler, Cheryl Fisher and Karen Bolinger continue making phone calls every month to check in with women who have asked to have a phone call. A special “Thanks” to Lisa Clement for sending out Christmas cards and Beth Thomsen for sending out birthday cards. Any woman currently inactive with BPWC and would like to have a friendly call or be added to the Communication Distribution List please contact Karen Bolinger- 585-227-2540.

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

INTERESTED IN SHARING YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS IN WORSHIP? Please email our music director, Jacob Montgomery (jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com) about using your talents to praise God and enhance our online service. All are welcome for both traditional and contemporary service offerings.

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.

LESSONS & REFLECTIONS: Lessons & Reflections was written from the heart with the desire to relate to all my readers. The stories are about relationships and adventures and are told with humor to lighten your hearts and bring a smile to your face. It speaks of appreciation of God who has created each of us and the nature all around us. The photos in this book are both local and from my travels.

The goal of Lessons and Reflections is to inspire my readers to look at their own experiences and new relationships with fresh eyes and an open heart, willing to embrace what the future holds for them.

This book is available to order on-line at Xulon Press and is scheduled to purchase April 10. They will available in hard cover, paperback and e-books. They will also be available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.Com

I also hope to have a book signing at some point at church and at Alpha Omega Bookstore in Stone Ridge Plaza. I will have books on hand for purchase. Those dates are still to be determined. Thank you for your support. Debbie Haskins

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 Monday's every other week at 3 PM.

LIFE GROUP #4: Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, March 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

Every Wednesday evening through March 31, 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.

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.

Dear Church Family,

Hello my friends, I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to spring and getting out of the house! I know I am. The good news is, it is just 9 days until SPRING, can you believe it?!

Continuing our tradition of reaching out to our community, our next opportunity to give back is a true win - win for you, your car and Cameron Community Ministries.

I have been involved with [Cameron](#) for many years. This is a truly needed and impactful program in the city of Rochester. See summary below for info on how Cameron touches the lives of so many in our community.

COVID has hit all Non-Profit organizations hard this past year and continues in 2021. This has prevented us from holding many of our primary fundraisers. In response, our Board members are sponsoring "Micro Fundraisers" like our Delta Sonic Car Wash fundraiser. Our goal is to raise \$1000 to help support our Peace Garden. With your help I am confident that we can reach this goal!!

Starting now you can get a head start on your Spring cleaning by purchasing a Delta Sonic car wash ticket(s) in support of [Cameron's Peace Garden](#)! Tickets are just \$15 each, half of which (\$7.50) will go to support the Peace Garden. Thank you Delta Sonic!!

To keep this simple, I will be taking orders for tickets by email or text, and I will collect money when I deliver the tickets to you in person or before I send them to you by mail.

I will use Venmo once again as the preferred method of payment. However, I will take cash, checks and S&H trading stamps (just kidding on the trading stamps!).

These tickets never expire and can be used at any Delta Sonic location. They also make wonderful gifts for all those that are going above and beyond during these trying times, such as care givers, teachers, and many other frontline workers.

Thank you for helping us grow!

Let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see you around soon, even with a mask!

Thanks, Ron

Work: 585-338-5415, Cell: 585-705-7628, Venmo Ron Fisher directly at: [@Ronald-Fisher-26](#)

Email: rfisher97@gmail.com



cameron community ministries

Cameron is an Urban Outreach Community Center that improves lives in the city of Rochester, NY, by providing high quality programs to the Lyell-Otis neighborhood since 1984. In addition to providing basic needs and emergency services, Cameron is helping to stabilize individuals and families by achieving self-sufficiency, as well as hosting innovative youth and teen programs supporting education and enrichment.

WHO WE SERVE: The Lyell-Otis neighborhood, northwest of the city center, with approximately 8,700 residents*



#1 Most diverse neighborhood of 33 in Rochester



63% of residents rent vs own



97% of residents are below the federal poverty line



6.5x higher violent crime rate than the suburbs and nearly 60% higher than the overall city average

HOW WE SERVE: Adults and families, by addressing multiple Social Determinants of Health



Hot Lunch



Food Pantry



Garden



Bus Passes



Clothing



Work Program



Social Worker

BASIC NEEDS

Meal Program:

- Free Hot Lunch, Mobile and Emergency Food Pantry and Community Garden
- **23,000** healthy meals served, using the **USDA Myplate** model of a balanced diet
- **1,058** families accessed Food Pantry
- Increased availability to healthy and affordable foods
- Nutrition Education classes

Transportation:

- **250** bus passes provided for transportation to medical appointments

Clothing House:

- "Boutique-like" Shop
- **2,071** families access for hygiene products, toothbrushes, diapers, clean clothing, linens, etc.
- Interview attire provided for job seekers

Work Experience Program: (WEP)

- **RochesterWorks!** places interns at Cameron to learn job skills, particularly around kitchen management and cooking
- Last year, **6 interns** received jobs after Cameron placement

HIGHER LEVEL NEEDS

Social Worker:

- A full-time, bilingual Social Worker, who is also a medical interpreter
- Forms trusting relationships
- Provides connections (including Resource Fairs) to assist with **medical, DSS, housing, mental health, and substance use needs**
- Helps **150 clients** annually
- Approximately, **25% of clients** receive connections to healthcare through referrals to primary care physician, health insurance navigation, and/or a mental health or substance abuse provider

HOW WE SERVE: Children and Adolescents

Paid staff and volunteers provide vibrant education and enrichment in a safe and supportive environment, bridging the digital divide by providing technology, training, and promoting students' use, and preventing summer slide with seasonal programs.



After-school programs



Meals and Snacks



Exercise



Technology



After-school programs



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Life Skills



Technology

Youth Program—Kindergarten-6th Grade:

- Up to **50 children** participate
- Primary emphasis on **academic support, homework completion, positive behavior, and conflict resolution**
- Close collaboration with RCSD including shared academic progress reporting
- Equipped with wifi, laptops, and snacks
- At least 30 minutes of physical exercise daily and weekly lessons in the Community Garden, led by Foodlink, which promote healthy living
- **3 hours with us**, culminating with a nightly dinner together

Teen Program—7-12th Grade:

- Up to **50 children** in our brand new, beautiful Teen Center
- Primary emphasis is on **academic support, life skills, field trips, financial literacy, and mentorship**
- Equipped with wifi, laptops, snacks and meals where they can hang with friends
- Bridging the digital divide by providing **technology, training, and promoting students' use**
- Teens drop in for **up to 4 hours** and share a meal together before leaving

Outcomes for Youth—Closing the Achievement Gap:



98%

of Cameron kids are promoted to next grade on time



85%

of Cameron kids improve reading and math levels over the school year
Only 20% of 3rd graders in RCSD are at grade level proficiency, where nearly 50% of Cameron kids are



Preventing summer slide by providing enriching programs during summer break



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Students accepted to and attending private schools; including Our Lady of Mercy and McQuaid Jesuit



Social Emotional Learning skills including, **teamwork, self-respect, and self-esteem**



Exposure to **mentors, colleges, career choices**

*Sources of Data:

www.niche.com/places-to-live/n/yell-otis-rochester-ny/#rankings and commongroundhealth.org and ACT Rochester



TICKET PRICES

1 TICKET

\$15

5-PACK

\$70

10-PACK

\$140

***TWO Washes for the Price of one! With each Super Kiss ticket you have a 5 day comeback for another wash for FREE!*

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/2439114010>



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

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