

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 28, 2020

PRELUDE

Praeludium in E minor "Great"

Nicolas Bruhns

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We will make a joyful noise to the Lord;

People: We will serve the Lord with gladness.

Pastor: We will come into God's presence with singing.

People: We know that the Lord is God!

Pastor: It is God who has made us, and we belong to God.

People: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

HYMN# 6

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION – Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

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) – Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

We confess, Lord, that all too often we think only of ourselves, considering only how our actions and our decisions will impact our own well-being, and giving scant attention to the effect on others. Help us daily, we pray, to follow more consistently the example of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS – Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

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

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6:12-23 Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

SOLO "Mothering God" Tom Trenney
Jeff Tabor, tenor

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 22:1-14

SERMON Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN#

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH – Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

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

People: Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died and rose triumphantly Because He lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Amen

HYMN

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee:
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Sortie in G minor”

Louis Lefébure-Wely

BETHANY CALENDAR

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)
Wednesday	7/1	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Thursday	7/2	7 pm	Bethany Choir - (Zoom)
Saturday	7/4		Happy 4th of July!
Sunday	7/5	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	7/5	11am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (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.

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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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