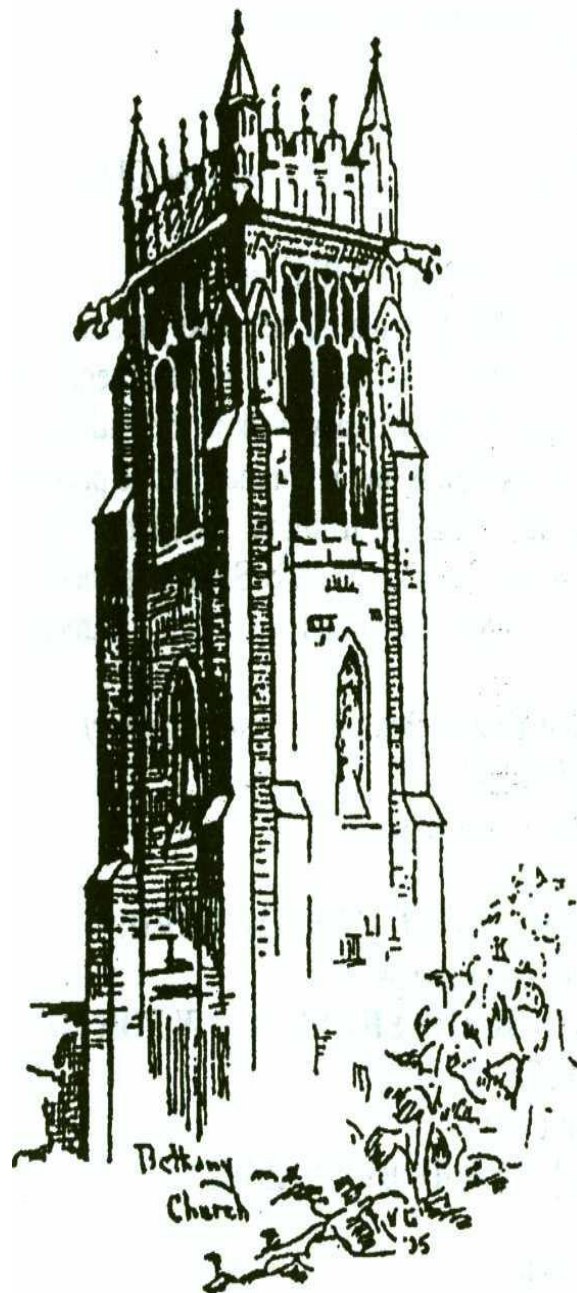


BETHANY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Quincy, Massachusetts

Founded

1832



SEVETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 27, 2020

THE LORD'S DAY – A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2020

Prelude: "Sanctuary"

Southbridge

Announcements:

Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in ages Past"

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

We come, so God can teach us
goodness and love for each person

**We will complete God's love
by having the same compassion as God.**

We come, so Jesus can lead us
into lives of service and obedience.

**We will complete Jesus' hopes
by putting others before ourselves.**

We come, so the Spirit can help us
to empty ourselves for God and those around us.

**We will complete the Spirit's peace
by sharing our lives with others.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

O God, may we complete your love by caring deeply for those who make life so difficult for us. May we complete your hope, by reaching out to those in need. May we complete your grace, by emptying ourselves for all around us, just as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, did for us. Give us the courage to live in his name as we pray together...

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

THE GLORIA PATRI

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13 & MATTHEW 21:23-32

(See Inserts)

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SERMON:

“Second Thoughts...”

Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle

HYMN: “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Chorale”

Young

The Worship is over. The service begins.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in memory of Doris (Raleigh) Laukkanen by her daughters Judi McAuliffe, Elaine Brady and Carol Malvesti.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Thursday 9am – 4 pm
E-mails checked throughout each day

Please call the Church office for available dates.

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Rev. Patrick S. McCorkle
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Thomas Boyer
Mark Simmons
Jean Wilson
Carol LaBollita
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Pastor Emeritus
Moderator
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Diaconate Co-Chairperson
Organist/Music Director
Treasurer
Sunday School Supt.
Secretary
Sexton



Sept.27	Sunday	Sunday Service in the Church and online (Bethany Web Page)	9:30 AM
Oct. 13	Tuesday	Administrative Council Meeting (Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Church Members by email)	7:00 PM
OCT. 19	Monday	Deaconate Meeting (Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to Church Members by email)	7:00 PM



**Thank you to Tom Boyer, Paul Frazer and Marsha Sherman
for providing this morning's Worship Music**



**The Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale will still be held, but at a
later date. We will update you with the new date.**

Thank you!



**Please Keep the following people in your prayers.
Don't forget to reach out with a card or a call.**

Kimberly Beers-Power
Bill Ericson
Bob Goodnow
Ava Piazza
Peter and Grace Wang

Jack Douglas
Dorothy Mersereau
Edie Goodnow
Estelle Weinberger
Loranne walsh

Pam and John Eagan
Frieda Matthews
Bill & Carol Harding

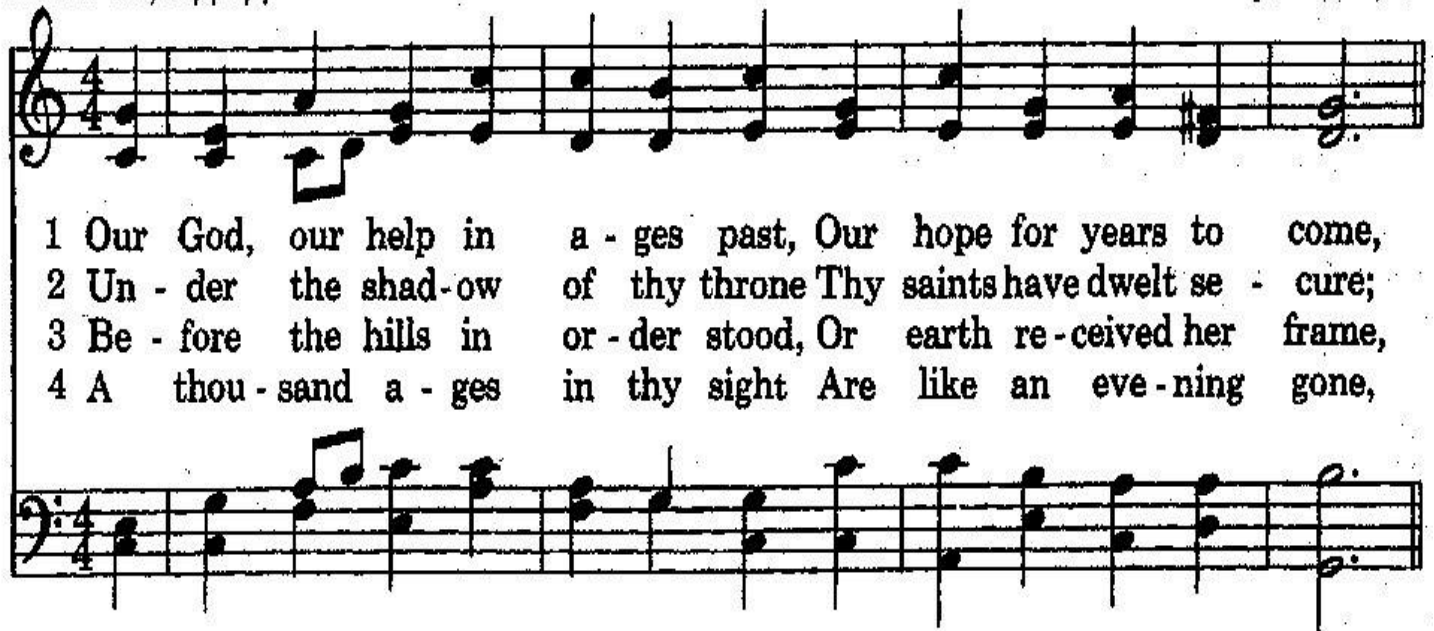
And all of our at risk members during the COVID19 crisis

Please send prayer requests and any church news to the Church Office

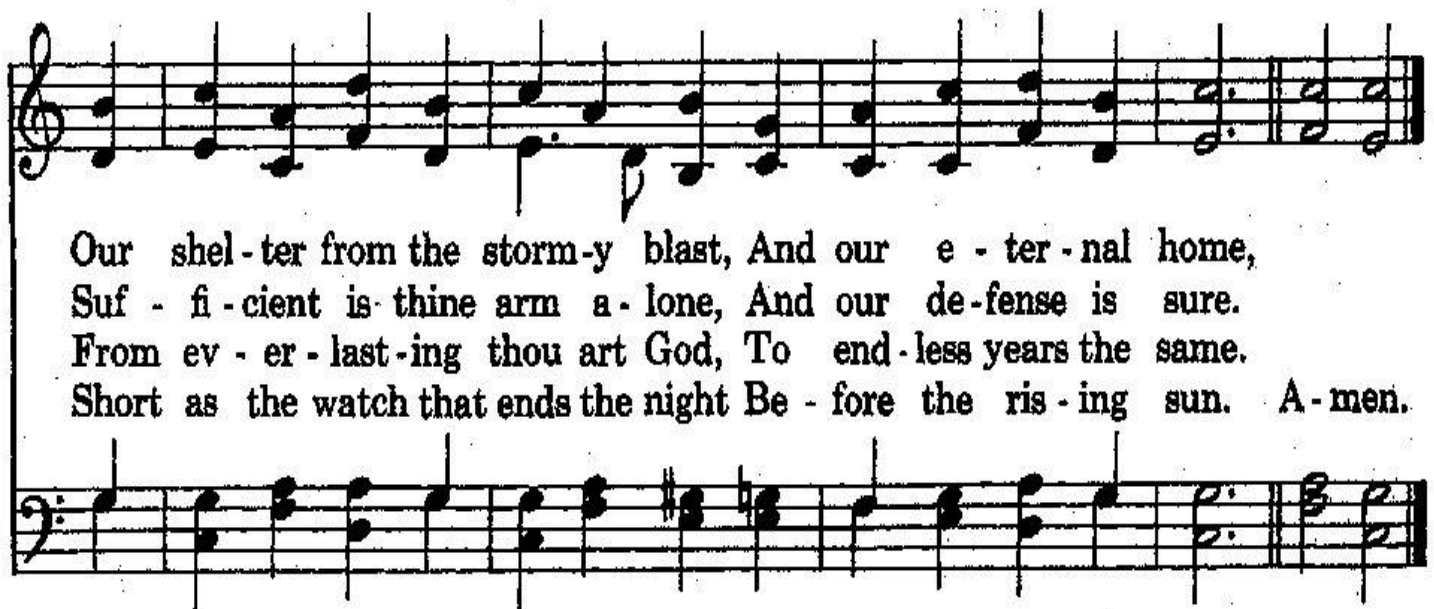
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Based on Psalm 90
Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

ST. ANNE C.M.
Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
Suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun. A - men.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Paul tells the Philippians how to live as Christ lived, selflessly, sacrificially and in faith that God is enabling them to do so. The central part of the reading (vss. 5-11) may have been an early Christian hymn with deep theological meaning, perhaps originally composed by Paul himself.

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

MATTHEW 21:23-32

Challenged by his opponents to identify his authority as he was teaching in the temple, Jesus refused. He further challenged them with a simple but obvious riddle about John the Baptist. When they refused, he rebuked them for not believing John the Baptist when even tax collectors and prostitutes did so.

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Mission Moment: "A congregational prayer is a means for establishing essential human unity through common worship."

– Mahatma Gandhi

In Christ There Is No East or West

First Tune

John Oxenham, 1852-1941

ST. PETER C.M.

Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877



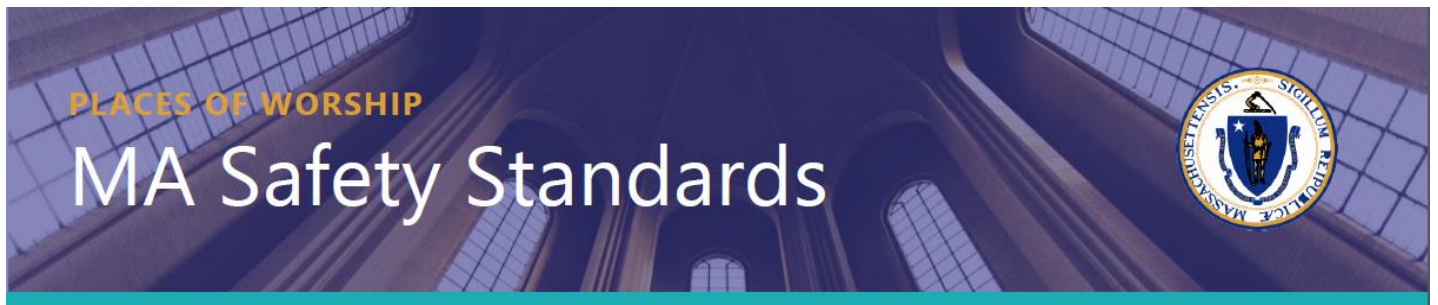
- 1 In Christ there is no East or West, In him no South or North;
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where Their high com-mun-ion find;
 3 Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, What-e'er your race may be!
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, In him meet South and North;



But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
 His serv-ice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.
 Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.
 All Christ-ly souls are one in him Through-out the whole wide earth. A-men.



A lower setting may be found at No. 221



MA COVID-19 update

Massachusetts has allowed Churches to open immediately in phase one of the state's re-opening plan.

As a result mandatory orders have been put in place until further notice.

Below are the mandatory orders that apply to Churches.

As Bethany Congregational Church re-opens we will work to be in compliance with the state orders and to provide members with guidance and supplies for their safety. A firm re-opening date has not been determined yet.

MANDATORY SAFETY STANDARDS

COVID 19 up-date

SOCIAL DISTANCING



All places of worship shall limit occupancy to 40 percent of the building's maximum permitted occupancy level as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder. The occupant count shall include all persons inside the place of worship, including attendees and staff. Staff or attendants shall monitor the number of attendees entering the place of worship to ensure compliance with the maximum occupancy level.

Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart.

If there is fixed seating, rows should be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient distancing between rows.

All attendees and staff must wear face coverings or masks in accordance with COVID-19 Order No. 31 and the Department of Public Health's Guidance while inside and while entering and exiting places of worship or otherwise participating in in-person services, except where a person is unable to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition.

For children between age 2 and 5, the wearing of a face covering or mask is at the discretion of the child's parent or guardian. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a face covering or mask.

A person who declines to wear a face covering or mask because of a medical or disabling condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition.

Places of worship may refuse entry to a person who refuses to wear a face covering or mask for non-medical reasons

HYGIENE PROTOCOLS



COVID 19 up-date

Places of worship shall ensure that attendees and employees have access to hand washing facilities, including soap and running water, and allow employees sufficient break time to wash hands, as necessary.

STAFFING & OPERATIONS



Fellowship will be on ZOOM each week.



Places of worship shall not have communal gathering pre or post service (e.g., coffee hours or other food services).

Places of worship running food pantries or other prepackage food distribution may continue to do so.

Any childcare services shall remain closed until such time that there is additional guidance.

If a place of worship learns that an attendee or employee or other worker has tested positive for COVID-19, it shall notify the local Board of Health (LBOH) in the city or town where the place of worship is located and assist the LBOH as reasonably requested to trace likely contacts and advise contacts to isolate and self-quarantine.

CLEANING & DISINFECTING



Places of worship shall be cleaned and disinfected between each service, including disinfection of heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, bathrooms, microphones, shared instruments).

If a place of worship learns that an individual with COVID-19 attended a service or otherwise entered the place of worship, it shall conduct a deep cleaning and disinfecting consistent with the Centers for Disease Control guidance.



Watch Bethany Congregational Church Sunday Services

on

QATV television

**Services are broadcast on
Quincy Access (Channel 8)
6 PM Thursdays**

and

10 AM Sundays

Think of helping someone during these tough times.



You can help others by:

- Helping at a food bank
- Delivering groceries
- Shopping for seniors
- Sending a card
- Reaching out with a call



Children's Worship Bulletin

Authority of Jesus Questioned

Matthew 21:23-27

Word Search Puzzle

E	K	Q	T	E	Y	U	W	K	A	N	S	W	E	R
Q	E	C	G	N	I	X	W	N	P	M	X	U	I	E
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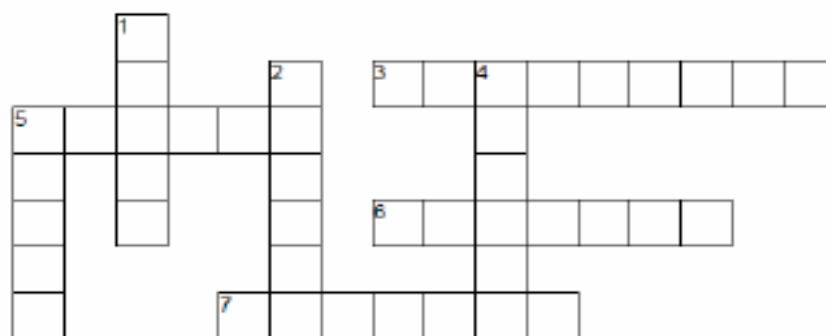
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. The right to do something
5. The place where God is
6. To cover with water as part of a religious ceremony
7. Someone who speaks a message from God

DOWN

1. To give instruction or direction to others
2. To give a reply to a question
4. A place of worship
5. Having to do with people

HEAVEN

TEACH

AUTHORITY

ANSWER

BAPTIZE

PROPHET

TEMPLE

HUMAN



Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 20-5-1-3-8-9-14-7 _____
- 8-5-1-22-5-14 _____
- 20-5-13-16-12-5 _____
- 1-21-20-8-15-18-9-20-25 _____
- 2-1-16-20-9-26-5 _____
- 2-5-12-9-5-22-5 _____
- 1-14-19-23-5-18 _____
- 17-21-5-19-20-9-15-14 _____

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