

# CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

June 14, 2020

## PRELUDE

“Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)”

Jean Langlais

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord God grants us life and salvation.

**People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

Pastor: The Lord God created the moon, the stars, and all things.

**People: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

Pastor: We are made in the image of our Lord God.

**People: We praise and thank you, O Lord.**

Pastor: Fill us with your Holy Spirit, Lord.

**People: Renew us in body and spirit this day by the power of your Word.**

## HYMN# 719

“Come, Labor On”

Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
while all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
"Go work today."

Come, labor on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
to young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.

Come, labor on.

Cast off all gloomy doubt and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here.  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill  
God's righteous will.

Come, labor on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done!"

**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 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 – Karen Bolinger

**God of action we confess to you our reluctance to act. We often become so preoccupied with our own lives and the acquisition of material goods that we neglect the sharing and teaching of the good news of Jesus Christ. Our hearts and minds wander from your word and will, and thus we do not listen to your call to baptize and teach in Jesus' name. We lack focus and dedication in our outreach to others. We leave discipleship to others. Light a fire under us, God: the fire of your Holy Spirit. Move our feet, hands, and hearts in actions that witness to you. Give us words of promise and hope to speak. Use us to bring others to the waters of baptism. Remind us, again and again, that in our witness and serving, the Lord Jesus is with us always. Amen.**

*[Time for silent confession.]*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison)** – Lay liturgist – Karen Bolinger

**The Lord is like a father to us, compassionate and merciful, filled with endless love. He is not easily angered, nor does he remain angry forever. He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve, or punish us as harshly as he could. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so strong is his love toward us. And as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. So be at peace: you are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)** - Lay liturgist – Karen Bolinger

**Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation.**

SOLO

“Give Me Jesus”  
Jeff Tabor, tenor

Tom Trenney

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 9:35-10:23

SERMON

“A Father’s Place”

Rev. John Goehle

HYMN# 286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and so what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH – Lay liturgist - Karen Bolinger

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# 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord.  
She is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride.  
With his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation:  
one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore:  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
may live eternally.

**BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

"Bolero de Concert"

Louis Lefebure-Wely

## BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	6/14	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	6/14	11:00 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Tuesday	6/16	6 pm	Alternative Worship Zoom meeting
Tuesday	6/16	7 pm	Investment Management Comm. Meeting (Large Hall)
Wednesday	6/17	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting (Large Hall)
Thursday	6/18	7:00 pm	Bethany Choir (Zoom)
Sunday	6/21	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	6/21	11:00 am	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](mailto: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>



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