

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 17, 2021

10:00 AM

**PRELUDE** “Chorale Prelude on Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her” Jacob Montgomery

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is a time of prayer,

**People: a time to come into the presence of the holy.**

Pastor: This is a time of praise,

**People: a time to worship God.**

### HYMN #375

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. [Refrain]

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
[Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
[Refrain]

### CALL TO CONFESSION Lay Liturgist - Cindi Sywulski

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 (Unison)** Lay Liturgist - Cindi Sywulski

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,  
 we confess that we have tried to hide from you,  
 for we have done wrong.  
 We have lived for ourselves,  
 and apart from you.  
 We have turned from our neighbors,  
 and refused to bear the burdens of others.  
 We have ignored the pain of the world,  
 and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.  
 In your great mercy forgive our sins  
 and free us from selfishness,  
 that we may choose your will  
 and obey your commandments;  
 through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** Lay Liturgist - Cindi Sywulski

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 - Cindi Sywulski

O God, by Your Spirit tell us what we need to hear,  
 and show us what we ought to do,  
 to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Psalm 139:1-18 Lay Liturgist - Cindi Sywulski**ANTHEM**

“How Beautiful”  
 Jeff Tabor, tenor

Twila Paris

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

John 1:43-51

**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

**HYMN #451****“Open My Eyes That I May See”**

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear.  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart, and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart; illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

**SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS****THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE  
THE LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)** Lay Liturgist - Cindi Sywulski

**Almighty and merciful God,  
 from whom comes all that is good,  
 we praise you for your mercies,  
 for your goodness that has created us,  
 your grace that has sustained us,  
 your patience that has born with us,  
 and your love that has redeemed us.  
 Help us to love you,  
 and to be thankful for all your gifts  
 by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN #630****“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
 O thou of God to earth come down,  
 thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
 thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
 robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
 Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,  
 who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
 and all the twinkling, starry host.  
 Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,  
 than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations,  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
 now and forevermore be thine!

**BLESSING****POSTLUDE****“Hornpipe from Water Music”**

G.F. Handel

## BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	1/17	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	1/17	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	1/17	12 pm	Session (Zoom)
Monday	1/18	3 pm	Serendipity (Zoom)
Monday	1/18	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Large Hall)
Wednesday	1/20	10 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/20	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	1/20	7 pm	C&GM – (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/20	7 pm	Budget & Finance (Zoom)
Thursday	1/21	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Thursday	1/21	7 pm	Spiritual & Social Justice Group (Zoom)
Sunday	1/24	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom,Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	1/24	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	1/24	12 pm	Session (Zoom)

**Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021** for the week of January 17<sup>th</sup>  
– The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward.

**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.

### **REQUEST FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP VIDEO CAMERA OPERATORS:**

Are you anxious to get back into the sanctuary? Would you like to learn a new skill? We are looking for volunteers to assist in live streaming our Sunday worship services as camera operators. Please contact Ron Fisher ([rfisher97@gmail.com](mailto:rfisher97@gmail.com)) or Jim Hetzler ([jmshetzler@gmail.com](mailto:jmshetzler@gmail.com)) for more information. *COVID-19 protocols are followed for everyone's protection.*

**LIFE GROUP #2: Meeting virtually via Zoom** 7:00 to 8:30pm, the second and fourth Mondays of each month. *Due to Covid-19 regulations and session guidelines this group is currently at their maximum of 10 people.*

**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 January 18.

**LIFE GROUP #4:** Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, January 22, 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.

**LIVESTREAMING UPDATE:** We are continuing to work on improving the quality and features of our Sunday Worship live-streaming experience. This Sunday we are upgrading our camera and will also begin using a new streaming interface called "BoxCast". One of the features that BoxCast provides is the ability to transmit high-quality audio and video to the BoxCast streaming channel. 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>



Bethany's Spirituality and Social Justice group  
invites you to join us via Zoom for  
**"Crossing the Color Line" by Brennon Thompson**  
**Thursday January 21st from 7-8 pm**

Has a Rochester neighborhood ever made you uncomfortable?  
It is important to understand the history for why you may have these sentiments  
and how this has impacted the course of our development as a society.

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/2439114>



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

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