



Worship in the Park is postponed till next year. This Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10 am, we will hold a Drive-In Worship Service in the Bethany Parking Lot with a congregational meeting to elect church leaders following the service. After which we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and tailgate in the parking lot, of course wearing face masks and practicing safe social distancing. This will replace our Virtual Coffee Half-Hour.

The service will be broadcast on Facebook and Zoom. The Dewey Avenue entrance will be closed. Please enter through Clark Park or Almay. Parking Lot Attendants will show you where to park. Tune into channel 970 AM on your radio to hear the service. There will be a box at each entrance for your offering. Don't forget to bring your bulletin with you. See you then.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Bob Osborne, Chair, Stewardship Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O Lord, we have gathered here to worship You.

People: We have come here to be inspired.

Pastor: We have come here to express our commitment.

People: We have come here to grow in our faith;

Pastor: We have come here to prepare for service.

People: We have come seeking Your blessing.

HYMN #2

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise: Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,
hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

CALL TO CONFESSION - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

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 – Polly McCubbin

You know, Lord, that the world hedges us in, and all too often we share our society's prejudices, its misconceptions, its angers, and its twisted reasoning. We know better, but we are not strong enough to swim against the tide. We take the path of least resistance. Forgive us, we pray, for giving in to the pressures around us, and help us to take a firm and uncompromising stand for that which is truthful and good. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Leader: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,
**People: but in order that the world might be saved through Him.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 6:2-4 - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

SOLO "The Lord's Prayer" Albert Hay Malotte
Jeff Tabor, tenor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-7

SERMON Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" (verses 1-4)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe: [Refrain]

At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. [Refrain]

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) - Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

O Lord, as you have entrusted us with material possessions, so we now return some of those possessions to your care—to be faithfully distributed by your people, to be invested in your causes, and to be energized by your Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN #363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

BLESSING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT CHURCH LEADERS

Call - This meeting of the congregation is called for the purpose of electing church leaders.

Opening Prayer

Presence of a Quorum

Motion to elect Sue Blum as Clerk for this meeting

Report of the Nominating Committee and slate of candidates

Elder Craig Johnson

For 2 year term as Liturgical Deacon

Mike Haskins

For 3 year term as Liturgical Deacon

Brenda Spratt

For 2 year term on Welcoming Committee as Elder and Chair

Kay Dennett

For 2 year term on Welcoming Committee

Kathy Stuart-Chase

Mike Kuitunen

For 3 year term on Property Committee

Rick Clement

Dick Livoti

Dick Bauman

Cole Soumphonphakdy

For 3 year term on Personnel Committee as Elder and Chair

Jim Hetzler

For 3 year term on Personnel Committee

Dave Clark

Ken Connor

Martha Alleman

For 3 year term on Christian Education Committee as Elder

Wendy Watt

For 3 year term on Christian Education Committee

April Honan

Karen McIver

For 2 year term on Congregational Life Committee as Chair and Elder

Jennifer McGarrity

For 3 year term on Congregational Life Committee

Deb Haskins

Sue Malak

Geoff Malak

Sally Phillips

For 3 year term on Nominating Committee as Chair and Elder

Bev Murray

For 3 year term on Nominating Committee
Debbie Bahr

For 3 year term on Budget & Finance Committee as Elder and Chair
Craig Johnson

For 3 year term on Budget & Finance Committee
Virginia Britton Cindy Stanek

The following is listed as step up:

Cheryl Fisher Community and Global Mission (2020-2023)

Bev Walker Worship and Music (2020-2021)

Al Mentee Property (2020-2021)

Karen Dobbins Personnel and Operations (2020-2021)

Bob Osborne Stewardship Chair (2020-2021)

Mark Buri Liturgical Deacon Chair (2002-2021)

Beth Thomsen Liturgical Deacon (2020-2021)

Suzanne Kretovic Liturgical Deacon (2020-2023)

Sandra Ericson Liturgical Deacon (2020-2021)

Journey Spratt Liturgical Deacon (2020-2021)

Meghan Buri Liturgical Deacon (2020-2021)

Motion to elect church leaders.

Motion to allow Session to review and approve the minutes of this meeting at their next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

POSTLUDE

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	9/13	10 am	Drive-In Worship Service in Bethany parking lot Congregational meeting after worship
Monday	9/14	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Large Hall)
Tuesday	9/15	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth Committee meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/16	10 am	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/16	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	9/16	6:30 pm	Church Leader Training meeting – (Zoom)
Thursday	9/17	7 pm	Bethany Choir - (Zoom)
Thursday	9/17	7pm	Racial Justice Challenge (Zoom)
Sunday	9/20	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) Ordination and Installation of Church Leaders
Sunday	9/20	11am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: invite all women to a brunch at Sawyer Park on Saturday, September 26th at 10:00 am. Sawyer Park is located at 732 Long Pond Road. Please bring your own chair, food, drink and face mask. Hopefully, we will have a beautiful fall day to enjoy fellowship, laughter and show our resiliency.

LIFE GROUP 4: Life Group 4 Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, September 25, 2020 at 3:00 in the Large Hall. Bev is open to any ideas the group may have and has suggested continuing the fun and fellowship with a pot-luck dinner or going out for a fish fry together afterwards. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call her at (585) 225-0206. Thank you, Bev, for offering to lead this new group! ~The Spiritual Growth Committee.



The Greece CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday September 27th

Register now as a virtual or physical walker and receive a free mask!

Join or sponsor Bethany's team at www.crophungerwalk.org/rochesterny/bethanypres

We will also be collecting donations at the Worship in the Park-ing Lot on 9/13.

For more info, contact Deb Petersen.

7 MARKS OF A VITAL CONGREGATION



**Mark 3 represents one of the 7 petals of the Vital Congregations Initiative Flower*

Outward Incarnational Focus vs. Inward institutional survival and closed communities of assimilation/exclusion

“The gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7:14

- Outward exploration, awareness, and focus on neighbors and neighborhood.
- Beyond relationship with those who are like us, the incarnate Christ dwells among the lowly and least, the stranger and the suffering, the marginalized and majority.
- Missional focus on where Christ is already living and present, and calling us to dwell.

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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