

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 1, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Passacaglia”

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

Let us worship God the creator, source of life, who upholds us. Let us worship God the redeemer, saver of life, who rescues us. Let us worship God the enabler, enhancer of life, who empowers us.

***HYMN #2**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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)**

We confess, Lord, that we have often been stubborn and self-willed people. We have preferred to do things our own way and in our own time. We have evaded or watered down your commandments. We have ignored your presence and your power. We have been slow to follow the example of your Son, and we have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us, we pray, soften our hearts, mold our wills, and make us truly your people. Amen.

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

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.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you. **People: And also with you!**

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

[Children may leave for “Roots and Wings” activities in the Large Hall, and return to their pews after the sermon.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

**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

Isaiah 49:8-13

pages 592,593 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Listen to my Words”
Bethany Choir

Samuel Adler

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:25-34

pages 787,788 in the pew Bible

Pastor: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN #688**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” (verse 1,3,5)

MORECAMBE

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Congregational Response: “Lord, we praise you.” or “Lord, hear our prayer”

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS

(As the offering is received, please sign, pass, and return the pew pads. Please provide your full name, address, phone number, and check if you are a visitor or a member.)

OFFERTORY**"May the Angels Lead You To Paradise"**

Gerald Near

HYMN #606*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

Receive, Lord, these financial gifts as our response for all you have done for us through the many expressions of your divine power and divine love. You have created, saved and transformed us and for this we give you thanks. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord's Table.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper**Words of Institution****Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

Please eat the bread as you are served as a sign that Christ nourishes and strengthens each one. Please hold the cup that we might drink it together to symbolize the way Christ nourishes and strengthens our unity.

Prayer of Commitment

Eternal God, we give thanks for the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation. Grant that we may be strengthened in your service to share the good news of the gospel with others. Amen.

HYMN #772*"Live Into Hope"**

TRURO

BLESSING**POSTLUDE****"Postlude in E minor"**

C.V. Stanford

CHILDCARE is available from 9:30 AM to 11:15 AM in the Church Nursery located across from the Church Library for newborns through Pre-K.

THOSE ASSISTING IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE:

Deacons: Dave Anderson, Dick Bauman, Sandy Ericson, Sue Kretovic, Journey Spratt,
Lay Liturgist: Karen Gullo

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, David Ballerstein, Mary Brown, Dennis Ciehomski, Holly Ciehomski (Michelle Ciehomski's niece), Shirley Dennett (Charlie Dennett's Mom), Pauline Gaul, Jenny Green, Richard Hamlin (Dave & Edna Hamlin's son), Victoria Haskins, Mark Klotzbach, Theresa Kretovic, Cliff Streams, Tom Tickner (Bev Murray's brother-in-law), Brian VanGriethuysen.

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning Dr. Val Fowler. Dr. Bob is on vacation.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to friends and family of Chris Duff at her passing.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: We continue our own tradition of preparing for Easter by gathering together in the sanctuary on February 26, at 7 pm for an Ash Wednesday worship service with the imposition of ashes.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER FOR SCOUTS: Scout Troop 240 and Cub Pack 240 are holding a flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's on Ridge Rd W. near 390. It will be held Sunday March 1st from 8:00 to 10:00 AM. Tickets are \$7.00 and will be sold after worship this morning, February 23. Come and support our scouts!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The week of March 2nd Christian Flooring will be replacing all of Bethany's old, worn out first floor carpeting. We're looking for volunteers that can help us move furniture etc, which is helping to keep our cost down and speed up the installation. Please contact Sharon [663-3000 or snichols.bethany@gmail.com] if you can help that week. Look forward to hearing from you!

SOCKS: Kristine Inguaggiato has let us know that many children at School 42 have been coming to school without wearing any socks this winter. Please consider donating boys and girls socks for shoe sizes 5 - 11 to help keep their feet warm. You can leave them in the red bin near the CGM bulletin board. Thank you!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: This year, as part of our Vital Congregations Initiative, we will hold a Lenten Bible Study every Wednesday from March 4 through April 15 in the Large Hall. We will begin at 6:00 pm with a Soup and Bread supper prepared by our own Pat Hemmenway. Our Bible Study will begin at 6:30 pm and run to 7:00 pm. Please be sure to sign-up for this class after worship outside the sanctuary or by calling the church office.

LENTEN CONCERTS AND WORSHIP: On Thursdays, beginning March 12 and ending on April 2 we will hold a free concert from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. At 7 pm we will hold a 30-minute worship service with communion by intinction.

BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: All of us at one time or another needs a listening ear. Someone we feel comfortable with and we know is confidential. There are many reasons or circumstances that bring us to a time when we need someone to talk to. At our Bethany Presbyterian Women's meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Kim Bolinger will be sharing how Stephen Ministers: build awareness of Stephen Ministry within the congregation and community, recruit and train Stephen Ministers, meet with potential care receivers to assess their needs, match care receivers with Stephen Ministers, provide Stephen Ministers with ongoing supervision and continuing education. As always all are welcome to join us.

DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (DPNC) UPDATE: The DPNC met with Committee on Ministry (COM, one of the Presbytery governing bodies) liaison Mary Cowden in December and is meeting regularly. The first step was to complete the Ministry Information Form (MIF) that contains detailed information about our church and the qualities we are looking for in an Associate Pastor. The next step is to present it to Session at their next meeting. Once Session approves the form, the MIF goes to the Committee on Ministry for approval. From there, the form is then entered online for candidates to see. The COM will vet candidates for us and the DPNC will then interview candidates for the position. The DPNC is excited by the prospect of having a youth leader and has asked for God's guiding hand in this process. Look forward to exciting updates in the near future. Keep us in your prayers! Carrie Buri, Ken Connor, Cheryl Fisher, Craig Johnson, Linda Lamb, Jen McGarrity, Tracey Melville

Flowers in memory of my father,
Frank Davis, given by Beverly
Murray.

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.

SHIPMATES: Please join the Shipmates on Saturday March 14, for an Automotive presentation by Matt Fronk regarding: overview of the automobile industry leading up to today, what the future holds and where Matt see's us going with the combustion engine versus electric, fuel cell, CNG and other technologies. Matt developed and led GM Fuel Cell Research team in Honeoye Falls over a 20 year period from 1st concepts to an application in a 100 vehicle fleet of Chevy Equinoxes. Matt is currently an Alternative Energy Consultant. He is a seasoned Automotive Executive with broad background in both strategic development, R&D, and engineering for Advanced technologies including fuel cells, batteries, bio-fuels, gas and diesel fuel injection, hybrids and valve train components. This meeting will be held in Bethany's Large Hall at noon. A sandwich lunch will be served for a cost of \$5 per person. Sign-up after church on Sunday's in the narthex with Dave Anderson. Deadline: March 7.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY: When ordering flowers for the sanctuary, Helen West must receive the check before flowers can be ordered. Order forms and envelopes are in the brown box in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE: Spaghetti Dinner 2020 Bethany Youth Fellowship's annual Spaghetti Dinner will be April 18, 2020. We hope to see you there!

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	2/23	9 am	Every Day Spirit (Library)
Sunday	2/23	9 am	Present Word (Mini Hall)
Sunday	2/23	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	2/23	9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Sanctuary)
Sunday	2/23	10 am	Worship, Childcare, Roots & Wings (Sanctuary)
Sunday	2/23	11:10 am	Elementary Sunday School (Basement)
Sunday	2/23	11:10 am	Junior High Sunday School (Third Floor)
Sunday	2/23	11:15 am	High School Sunday School (Third Floor)
Monday	2/24	10 am	Library Volunteers (Library)
Monday	2/24	6:30 pm	Personnel Committee (Library)
Monday	2/24	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Bolinger's)
Tuesday	2/25	10 am	Belles & Beaux (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	2/26	10 am	Staff Meeting (Library)
Wednesday	2/26	7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	2/26	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thursday	2/27	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	3/1	9 am	Every Day Spirit (Library)
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We are a welcoming Christian family who worships God and nurtures spiritual growth through friendship, learning, music and serving others.

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Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM