

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**February 14, 2021**

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

"Chorale in A minor"

Cesar Franck

WELCOME**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: It is a good thing to come before the Lord,

People: to submit ourselves before the most high God,

Pastor: for God alone can save us,

People: for God alone can change us,

Pastor: God alone can teach us how to truly live and how to truly love,

People: Let us worship, for it is a good thing to come before the Lord.**HYMN #310**

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God.
Her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall;
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be given,
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways:
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be given
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION Lay Liturgist – Karen Dobbins

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 – Karen Dobbins

**We confess, Lord, that we often take a superficial approach to overcoming
the faults in our lives. We think that with a little more self-discipline, with a
little more concentration, with a little more effort, we can solve our
problems. Help us, Lord, to submit to you our inner selves, our soul of
souls, the wellspring of our hearts, so that we will not only be cleansed
and forgiven but also transformed and renewed, Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lay Liturgist – Karen Dobbins

Leader: Whatever is born of God conquers the world.

People: And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Living God,
help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing,
we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 9:28-36 Lay Liturgist – Karen Dobbins

ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”
Jeff Tabor, tenor

Phillip Wilby (pub. 2008)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29-35

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #462

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,

'twill be the old, old story
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH Lay liturgist – Karen Dobbins
Leader: Let us remember to support Christ's church.

OFFERTORY "Master Tallies Testament" Herbert Howells

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Karen Dobbins
Out of our wealth we give; not only out of the wealth of our financial possessions but also – and especially – out of the wealth of our love, our compassion, and our concern. Amen.

HYMN #366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love, and praise.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on "Love Divine"

Jacob Montgomery

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	2/14	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	2/14	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/14	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Monday	2/15	3 pm	Serendipity (Zoom)
Monday	2/15	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Large Hall)
Wednesday	2/17	10 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/17	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	2/17	7 pm	Lenten Devotional (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/17	7:30 pm	Budget & Finance (Zoom)
Thursday	2/18	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Thursday	2/18	7 pm	Spirituality & Social Justice Group (Zoom)
Sunday	2/21	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	2/21	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	2/21	11 am	Annual meeting – (Zoom)

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of February 14th
– **EMMA & Beechwood.**

The **Annual Meeting** of Bethany Presbyterian Church has been called for **Sunday February 21, 2021 immediately following the virtual worship service (on Zoom)** for the purpose of hearing reports, receiving the 2021 annual budget and the pastor's terms of call, and for any other business that may properly come before the meeting. This will take place immediately after the virtual 10AM worship service.

THE DESIGNATED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (DPNC) has been meeting regularly and is still actively looking for a designated associate pastor/youth leader. Unfortunately, few candidates have applied for the position and those who have were not matches. We met this week with Mary Cowden of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to discuss other potential sources of candidates. The taskforce is working with the Presbytery network to expand the candidate search and will keep the Bethany congregation abreast of any updates when they become available. Please keep the DPNC and potential candidates in your prayers.

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) or Jim Hetzler (jmshetzler@gmail.com) for more information. *COVID-19 protocols are followed for everyone's protection.*

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 February 15th.

LIFE GROUP #4: Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, February 26, 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning on Wednesday evening, February 17, 2021 from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm, Dr. Spratt will lead a seven-week Lenten Devotional on the Stations of the Cross on Zoom. The Zoom account number is 243 911 4010, no password is required.

The exact origin of the devotional use of The Stations of the Cross is not entirely clear, though it is associated with Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem in the early Christian centuries.

Those who were able to walk along the path Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion were deeply moved by this experience. Yet, since the vast majority of Christians were not able to go to Jerusalem, The Way of the Cross enabled them to engage in a mini-pilgrimage of sorts, so they could focus on the key events of Jesus' last day.

February 17

Jesus on the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-46)

Jesus, betrayed by Judas, is arrested (Luke 22:47-48)

February 24

Jesus is condemned by the Sanhedrin (Luke 22:66-71)

Peter denies Jesus (Luke 22:54-62)

March 3

Jesus is judged by Pilate (Luke 23:13-25)

Jesus is scourged and crowned with thorns (Luke 22:63-65; John 19:2-3)

March 10

Jesus takes up the cross (Mark 15:20)

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross (Luke 23:26)

March 17

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem (Luke 23:27-31)

Jesus is crucified (Luke 23:33, 47)

March 24

Jesus promises his Kingdom to the good thief (Luke 23:33-34, 39-43)

Jesus on the cross, his mother and his disciple (John 19:25-27)

March 31

Jesus dies on the cross (Luke 23:44-46)

Jesus is placed in the tomb (Luke 23:50-54)

Walk along The Way this Lent.

LIVESTREAMING: 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>

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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