

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

August 2, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“My Lord What a Morning”

J. M. Mathias

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Help us, Lord, as we come away for a time

People: from our busy lives, our places of work, our summer programs,

Pastor: our sometimes chaotic homes, our noisy world,

People: and as we make this time for restoration and renewal,

Pastor: refresh our spirits and our bodies,

People: and prepare us for the challenges that are ahead.

HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CALL TO CONFESSION - Lay liturgist – Cindy Hetzler

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 – Cindy Hetzler

Forgive us, Almighty God, not only for disobeying your rules for life, but also for being blind to what those rules are. Forgive us, not only for disobeying your will, but also for failing to seek that will. Forgive us, not only for not doing, but also for not caring. Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus, who loved and cared. Amen.

Leader: Let us in silence confess our own personal sins. (Silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - Lay liturgist – Cindy Hetzler

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) - Lay liturgist – Cindy Hetzler

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 51:10-12 Lay liturgist – Cindy Hetzler

SOLO “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” John Rutter
Jeff Tabor, tenor

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 14:6-12

SERMON Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #460

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.

Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH - Lay liturgist – Cindy Hetzler

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

People: We are thankful for new occasions to make positive changes all around us, and we give these offerings to make use of those opportunities. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Commitment (Unison)

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 #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.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

David German

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	8/2	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	8/2	11am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Wednesday	8/5	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Thursday	8/6	4 pm	Confirmation Class (Zoom)
Thursday	8/6	7 pm	Bethany Choir - (Zoom)
Thursday	8/6	7pm	Racial Justice Challenge (Zoom)
Sunday	8/9	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	8/9	11am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)

Lifegroup#2 will resume meeting on Monday, September 14 in person at Bethany in the large hall at 7:00 to 8:30pm and will be meeting the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Members must follow social distancing and mask wearing protocol.

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.

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