

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 25, 2018

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Jerry Westenkuehler

WELCOME

GOD’S CHURCH IN ACTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord is a great God who says:

People: I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Leader: To your name, Lord Jesus--

**People: Help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking,
bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving.**

***HYMN #267**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

***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)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ, yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christ-like in word, in deed, and in spirit.

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

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ.

People: Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Let us claim God's forgiveness, live as forgiven people, and be at peace.

***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 OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own, that, by the power of your Spirit we might hear the words you speak to us today.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 132:1-8

page 500 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

CHORAL ANTHEM

"O for a Closer Walk"

C.V. Stanford

Bethany Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Revelation 1:4b-8

pages 994,995 in the pew Bible

John 18:33-37

page 881 in the pew Bible

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN #268**

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DIADEMATA

SERMON

"Who Rules?"

Dr. Val Fowler

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) *A Declaration of Faith (1976)

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, in the church, and in our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that is surely coming.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

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

***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.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)**

Dear God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. So we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work; in the name of Jesus, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes.

***HYMN #363**

"Rejoice! The Lord is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Postlude No. 2 Set 1"

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: Linda Lamb, Mark Buri, Meghan Buri, Wayne Crawford, Gail Kuhner, Marlene McMaster, Skip Sywulski
Lay Liturgist: Karen Gullo
Greeter: Beth Thomsen

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Pam Auld, David Ballerstein, Audrey Cox, Deb Haskins and family for medical issues, Jack Phillips, Pete Posson, Frank Wood.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE - As of November 14, we have 137 pledges with \$276,649 pledged. We need your support! If you have not yet filled out your estimate of giving card please do so.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Community and Global Mission Committee is asking for travel size lotions, conditioners, shampoos and deodorants to help support Willow Domestic Violence Center. Do you have these from your various hotel stays and looking for a home for them? Items can also be found at various grocery and department stores. Please support this wonderful organization. Please place them at Bethany in the donation of the month box. Thank you for your support!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS If you would like to beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings by purchasing flowers for the chancel in memory of a loved or in honor of a loved one, order forms are available on the small table in the narthex. When purchasing flowers on the first Sunday of the month, they will appear on the flower stands. Make your check payable to: Bethany Presbyterian Church, in the amount of \$40. for the communion table piece, or \$70. for two flower stand pieces. Place a check (made out to Bethany) in an envelope marked, Helen West and place it in the offering plate. To order flowers contact Helen West at 458-9429.

CARD MINISTRY: Please remember our card ministry located in the box at the back of the narthex. Help yourself to birthday cards, Christmas cards and Thinking of You cards and 2019 calendars.

LIBRARY NEWS: Check out our new books. Children's books are displayed on the cart outside of the library. Fiction and Non-Fiction books are on the carousels. Enjoy! Mary, Jeannette and Beth, Library Volunteers.

BETHANY MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED: The money counting team needs two new volunteers to help with the task of counting and documenting the offering taken each Sunday. This is done immediately following worship. It takes about an hour and each individual is needed roughly once per month to perform the task. It helps to be organized and good with numbers, but we have a procedure and will train you on how to do it. It is a good way to help the church behind the scenes with a necessary business function. If you are interested please contact Craig Johnson at 720-6195.

DONUT SOCIAL: Please join us December 2nd, in the large hall immediately after the 10:00am church service for a donut social. Your favorite jelly, sugar, and topped donuts will all be there for sampling. We hope to see you for some fun, fellowship and great donuts.

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	11/25	9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	11/25	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/25	9:15 am	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Sunday	11/25	10 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Sunday	11/25	11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	11/25	11:15 am	Sunday School
Monday	11/26	10 am	Library Volunteers (Library)
Monday	11/26	7 pm	Personnel Committee (Library)
Monday	11/26	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Bolinger's home)
Monday	11/26	7 pm	C&GM (Small Hall)
Tuesday	11/27	10 am	Belles & Beaux (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	11/27	5:30 pm	Christian Ed Committee (Library)
Wednesday	11/28	10 am	Staff meeting (Library)
Wednesday	11/28	7 pm	Budget & Finance (Library)
Wednesday	11/28	7:30 pm	Celebration Ringers (Sanctuary)
Thursday	11/29	9 am	Mouse Newsletter (Library)
Thursday	11/29	7:15 pm	Bethany Choir (Music Room)
Saturday	12/1	9 am	Men's Club Breakfast (Jim's at the Mall)
Sunday	12/2	9 am	Everyday Spirit (Library)
Sunday	12/2	9 am	Serendipity (Small Hall)
Sunday	12/2	10 am	Worship (Small Hall)
Sunday	12/2	11 am	Donut Social (Large Hall)
Sunday	12/2	11:15 am	The Present Word (Small Hall)
Sunday	12/2	11:15 am	Sunday School

Bethany Presbyterian Church

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

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LEADERSHIP VOLUNTEERS - [**Donna Purdy**, Audit Committee Chair], [**David Hamlin**, Budget and Finance Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Ken Connor**, Christian Education Committee Session Elder and **Jenny McGarrity**, Chair], [**Sue Blum**, Clerk of Session], [**Deb Petersen**, Community and Global Mission Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Jeanette Gruttadauria**, Congregational Life Committee Session Elder and **Scott Chase**, Chair], [**Ed Grizer**, Information Technology], [**Tom Jadwin**, Investment Management Committee Chair], [**Mark Klotzbach**, Liturgical Deacons Chair], [**Helen West**, Memorial Committee Chair], [**Sue Brown**, New Member Ministry Committee Session Elder and **Alison Bungo**, Chair], [**Craig Johnson**, Nominating Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Karen Henry and Beth Thomsen**, Pastoral Care Deacons Co-Chairs], [**Ron Fisher**, Personnel and Operations Committee Session Elder and **Doris Ludek**, Chair], [**Steve Watt**, Property Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Carrie Buri**, Spiritual Growth Committee Session Elder and **Craig Covert**, Chair], **Bob Osborne**, Stewardship Committee Session Elder and **Cindy Hetzler**, Chair], [**Carl DeGraff**, Treasurer], [**Helen West**, Worship and Music Committee Session Elder and Chair], [**Dan Porter**, Webmaster].