

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Meditation on Union Seminary”

Jacob Montgomery

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: When two or three gather, Christ lives in every moment,

People: Where two or three gather, Christ is present with them.

Pastor: Where two or three gather to worship God,

People: glad songs of praise are lifted, hearts are filled with hope.

Pastor: When two or three gather to serve God's creation,

People: Christ is feeding the hungry, Christ is building shelters of peace.

HYMN #529

“Draw Us in the Spirits Tether”

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Here we touch your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

CALL TO CONFESSION - Lay liturgist – Judy Price

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 – Judy Price

You do not ask much of us, Guardian of hope - to love, to serve, to welcome. Yet too often, it is words of bitterness we speak to friends and family, colleagues and strangers. It is our stiff with judgment attitudes we offer to those looking for help. It is our hardened hearts people find, when

they reach out, hoping to touch grace. Forgive us, we pray. We are broken, so make us whole through the life of Christ. We are empty of peace, so fill us the reconciling Spirit of Christ. We are alone, so take us by the hand and lead us into your kingdom of joy and grace, brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS - Lay liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: Gathered as God's people, we hear the good news: God has forgiven us, God has made us whole, God sends us to serve.

***People:* We will not wear jealousy or resentment, but put on the garments of peace and hope. We are forgiven by our God. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) - Lay liturgist – Judy Price

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

Romans 13:8-10 - Lay liturgist – Judy Price

SOLO

“Be Still My Soul”

Jeff Tabor, tenor

Percy Whitlock

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH - Lay liturgist – Judy Price

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

People: O God, our offerings proclaim that work and worship are one, that life is undivided. Use these gifts for your church's ministries of reconciliation, service, and mercy. 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 #720

"Jesus Calls Us"

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Fugue from BWV 582"

J.S.Bach

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	9/6	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	9/6	11am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	9/6	7 pm	Stephen Ministry (Large Hall)
Monday	9/7		Labor Day
Tuesday	9/8	6:30 pm	Spiritual Growth Committee meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/9	10 am	Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/9	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Thursday	9/10	7 pm	Bethany Choir - (Zoom)
Thursday	9/10	7pm	Racial Justice Challenge (Zoom)
Saturday	9/12	9 am	Bethany Men's Club meeting (Sawyer Park)
Sunday	9/13	10 am	Drive-In Worship Service in Bethany parking lot Congregational meeting after worship

There will be a congregational meeting after worship on September 13, 2020 to elect church leaders.

Bethany's second drive-in worship service in the Bethany parking lot September 13, 2020 at 10 AM



The Worship in the Park Service at Greece Canal Park is cancelled for September 13, 2020.

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.

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.

EVERYDAY SPIRIT: is an adult Sunday School class that meets prior to the worship service on Sunday mornings. The group chooses DVDs to watch and discuss. Past DVD titles have included Mary Magdalene, The Exodus, Bible Secrets, the Real Jesus of Nazareth, and more. After many years of leading the class, Scott Chase has decided to step down. In a recent email to participants of the class, Scott wrote, "I have immensely enjoyed the 13 plus years leading the class but it is time for me to move on and for someone else to step in with new ideas, new energy and new gifts and talents to lead this class." Thank you, Scott, for your dedicated leadership over the years! If you would like to lead this group, please contact Carrie Buri from the Spiritual Growth Committee at (585)-720-0811 (home), (716)-390-8941 (cell) or theburis@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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 2 represents one of the 7 petals of the Vital Congregations Initiative Flower*

Intentional Authentic Evangelism vs. “Jesus freaks” and “Christian” hypocrisy; a committee responsibility

“We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God.”

2 Corinthians 4:7

Intentionally sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, not just acts of kindness.

Authentically sharing Christ because it is intrinsic to self-identity; overflow of Christ in our life.

Relational, not programmatic or systematic.

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.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2439114010>



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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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