

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

January 24, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Prière à Notre-Dame”

L. Boëllmann

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Our God is a loving God,

People: looking upon each of us with empathy and affection.

Pastor: Our God is a caring God,

People: sharing both our sorrows and our joys.

Pastor: Our God is a powerful God,

People: ready to help us in our times of need.

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
 God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
 opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
 drive the dark of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness,
 fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee;
 earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
 stars and angels sing around thee,
 center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain,
 flowery meadow, flashing sea,
 chanting bird and flowing fountain,
 call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus
 which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us,
 joining all in heaven's plan.
 Ever singing, march we onward,
 victors in the midst of strife.
 Joyful music leads us sunward
 in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION Lay Liturgist – Cheryl Fisher

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 - Cheryl Fisher

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
 We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
 We have not loved you with a pure heart,
 nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
 We have not done justice, loved kindness,
 or walked humbly with you, our God.
 Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
 In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
 Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
 Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful
 Spirit. Amen.**

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lay Liturgist - Cheryl Fisher

Leader: As God's own people,
 Let us be merciful in action,
 kindly in heart, humble in mind.
 Always ready to forgive
 as freely as God has forgiven us.

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ,
 we are forgiven. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Lay Liturgist - Cheryl Fisher

Prepare our hearts, O God,
to accept your Word.
Silence in us any voice but your own,
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 62 Lay Liturgist - Cheryl Fisher

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei from L' Arlésienne Suite No. 2 " Georges Bizet
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world grant us peace.
Jeff Tabor, tenor

NEW TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-10**SERMON**

Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;

take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay Liturgist - Cheryl Fisher

God of all mercies, we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #265

"Jesus Shal Reign Where'er the Sun"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	1/24	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	1/24	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	1/24	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Monday	1/25	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/26	10 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/26	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Thursday	1/27	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Sunday	1/24	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	1/31	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	1/31	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	1/31	12 pm	Session (Zoom)

HAPPY RETIREMENT: Congratulations to Sharon Nichols on her retirement after 16 years of service as assistant/membership secretary. We wish Sharon a long, healthy, and happy retirement! If you wish, you may send Sharon a card in care of Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of January 24th
– The Town of Chili.

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.*

LIFE GROUP #2: Meeting virtually via Zoom 7:00 to 8:30pm, the second and fourth Mondays of each month. *Due to Covid-19 regulations and session guidelines this group is currently at their maximum of 10 people.*

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 1.

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.

LIVESTREAMING UPDATE: We are continuing to work on improving the quality and features of our Sunday Worship live-streaming experience. This Sunday we are upgrading our camera and will also begin using a new streaming interface called "BoxCast". One of the features that BoxCast provides is the ability to transmit high-quality audio and video to the BoxCast streaming channel. 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.

The logo for BoxCast, featuring the word "BOXCAST" in white, uppercase letters on a teal square background.

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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