

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 7, 2021

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“In Paradisum”

Gerald Near

WELCOME – Rev. Carolyn Grohman

CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. Carolyn Grohman

Pastor: We approach God as Creator God,

People: For in God we live, and move and have our being.

Pastor: We approach God as Savior God,

People: For God so loved the world that God sent Jesus Christ.

Pastor: We approach God as Sustainer God,

People: For God’s Holy Spirit moves among us.

HYMN #372

“O for a World”

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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 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 Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Leader: If we have looked after our own interests while neglecting the needs of others,

People: Forgive us and teach us to love.

Leader: If we have judged others by the color of their skin or by the style of their clothing,

People: Forgive us and teach us not to judge others.

Leader: If we have complained about what we don't have rather than being grateful for what we do have,

People: Forgive us and teach us the skill of thanksgiving.

Leader: If we have been critical and difficult to live with,

People: Forgive us and teach us the grace of kindness. Amen.

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

(Silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

God is a God who keeps promises, promises of forgiveness and pardon, promises of hope and joy. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 19:1-14 Lay Liturgist – Judy Price**ANTHEM**

“O Sacrum Convivium”

Thomas Tallis

Kayla Stein – Soprano, Laura O’Neil - Alto

Jeff Tabor – Tenor, Leif Pedersen - Bass

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace;
and a pledge of future glory is

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Rev. Carolyn Grohman

SERMON

“Three Cheers for Fools”

Rev. Carolyn Grohman

HYMN #213

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER – Rev. Carolyn Grohman

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

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

OFFERTORY

“Breathe on Me Breath of God” by Jacob Montgomery

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay Liturgist – Judy Price

Help us, Lord, always to contribute with the right motives, reflecting and sharing the love you have first shown us. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – Rev. Carolyn Grohman

All who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to share in this feast. All baptized children who have been instructed by their parent(s) in the meaning of the sacrament are also welcomed to the Lord’s Table.

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper**Words of Institution****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 #307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness;
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

BLESSING – Rev. Carolyn Grohman

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace”

Paul Manz

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	3/7	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	3/7	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	3/7	11 am	Coffee hour – (Zoom)
Monday	3/8	7 pm	Life Group #2 – (Zoom)
Tuesday	3/9	7:30 pm	Congregational Life – (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/10	10:30 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/10	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Wednesday	3/10	7 pm	Lenten Book Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/10	7:30 pm	Spiritual Growth – (Zoom)
Thursday	3/11	7 pm	Choir meeting (Zoom)
Sunday	3/14	9 am	Present Word (Zoom)
Sunday	3/14	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom, Facebook Live, Boxcast)
Sunday	3/14	11 am	Coffee hour – (Zoom)

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Howden family, at the passing of Barbara Howden.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Phil and Irene Crawford, at the passing of their son Marty Crawford.

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning Rev. Carolyn Grohman. Dr. Spratt has been exposed to COVID and is in quarantine.

Monroe County-wide Prayer Initiative 2021 for the week of March 7th
– **Town of Gates.**

PALMS will be available for pick-up at the Clark entrance on Sunday, March 21st between 11AM – 12PM.

Interested in sharing your musical gifts in worship? Please email our music director, Jacob Montgomery (jmontgomery.bethany@gmail.com) about using your talents to praise God and enhance our online service. All are welcome for both traditional and contemporary service offerings.

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.

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 March 15th.

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

Every Wednesday evening through March 31, 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.

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.



March 2021

Dear Bethany Family,

This has been a difficult year with the COVID quarantine and being unable to meet or attend church services. We all look forward to the ability to worship in-person once again.

During these difficult times the needs become even greater. As you know, Bethany Presbyterian Women have collected money from the congregation for the Church World Service Blankets program after a church service. That being said, we are unable to collect money in-person so we are asking you to consider mailing your donation.

We are grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,

- Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food and shelter- and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.
- People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates and learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table- and to market.
- Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and the nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.

Grace and peace,

Moderator – Karen Bolinger
 Vice-Moderator – Kay Dennett
 Secretary – Jeannette Johnson

Historian – Lisa Clement
 Treasurer – Linda Lamb
 Member-at-Large – Mary Leader

Below tear off and mail to: Tom Olney, 3000 Dewey Avenue Rochester NY 14616, or put it in Tom Olney's mail box in the Church office.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

Please write checks to: Bethany Presbyterian Church with Memo: Blanket Sunday- Designated Fund #16
 Thank you and God Bless

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/2439114010>



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

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