

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2010

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Adagio from Symphonie No. 3”

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

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 #410

“God is Calling through the Whisper”

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.

Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:

God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.

Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:

God is calling – can you hear? God is calling – can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.

Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:

God is calling – and we hear! God is calling – and we hear!

CALL TO CONFESSION Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

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 – Kim Bolinger

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open

to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(Baptism is a sacrament, and therefore an attitude of reverence is in order. Please refrain from using cameras or video equipment during the service. A reenactment after the service, specifically for picture taking, may be arranged.)

Congregational Question

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the members of this church promise to tell this new disciple, Alexander John Spence, the good news of the gospel, to help him know all that Christ commands and by your fellowship, to strengthen his family ties with the household of God?

Congregation: “WE DO.”

Congregation Prayer (Unison)

God our Father, we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament and for the hope we have in your Son Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION - Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

Leader: O God, tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do to follow Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 89:1-18 Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

SOLO

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Jeff Tabor, tenor

Tom Trenney

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en thou it be a cross that raiseth me;

still all my song shall be nearer, my God, to thee.
Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Yea, though the vale I tread, thou art with me.
When shadows cloud my head, thou anointest me.

Thy rod and staff shall be comfort to shepherd me
nearer, my god, to thee, nearer to thee.
Though waters foam and roar, though mountains quake,
thou art my refuge sure, though the earth should shake.
Lord, strengthen and shelter me nearer, my God, to thee, nearer,
my God, nearer, nearer to thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 13:24-37

SERMON

Dr. Bob Spratt

HYMN #757

“Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”

Today we are all called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free,
Make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore

an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

SHARING OF CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

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

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

OFFERTORY

“Toccata for Elevation”

Girolamo Frescobaldi

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay liturgist – Kim Bolinger

O God, creator of the world and giver of all good things: we thank You for our home on earth and for the joy of living. We give ourselves to You; and with the church through all ages, we thank You for Your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #833**

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Caprice sur les grands jeux”

Louis Nicolas Clerambault

BETHANY CALENDAR

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| Sunday | 11/15 | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) |
| Sunday | 11/15 | 11 am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom) |
| Monday | 11/16 | 3 pm | Serendipity – (Zoom) |
| Monday | 11/16 | 7 pm | Stephen Ministry (Small Hall) |
| Tuesday | 11/17 | 10 am | Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary) |
| Tuesday | 11/17 | 6:30 pm | Shane Wiegand: Discusses Roc. History – (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 11/18 | 4 pm | Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall) |
| Wednesday | 11/18 | 7 pm | Budget & Finance – (Zoom) |
| Thursday | 11/19 | 7 pm | Bethany Choir - (Zoom) |
| Sunday | 11/22 | 10 am | Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live) |
| Sunday | 11/22 | 11 am | Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom) |

This morning we celebrate the baptism of Alexander John Spence. Proud parents are: Brianna and Lucas Spence. Grandparents: John & Julie Picard and Great grandmother Shirley Munson.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Robin Andrews and family at the passing of her mom, Bea Schantz.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Pam Auld and family at the passing of her mom, Barbara Auld.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: As of November 12, 2020, we have 114 pledges with \$260,426 pledged. We need your support! If you have not yet filled out

your estimate of giving card please do so. If you did not receive an estimate of giving card, please call the church office at 663-3000.

WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE have decided that due to Covid-19 there will be no Poinsettia's/Benevolence this Christmas season.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: is next Sunday, November 22. It's a wonderful way to help our members and others in need all year round. Your donations to the Thanksgiving Offering will fund the Pastor's Discretionary Account for the coming year.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Do you have several hours one day a month to connect people needing medical transportation with drivers? Greece FISH (Friends In Service Here) needs phone dispatchers to do just that. For more information on this vital volunteer position regarding training and duties, please contact Kay Illenberg at 585-225-2359. We are called to be a blessing and in so doing, we are blessed. Thank you.

LIFE GROUP #2: Meets in person at Bethany in the large hall at 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. [There will be no class on November 23 and December 28 due to holiday week.]*

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 November 16.

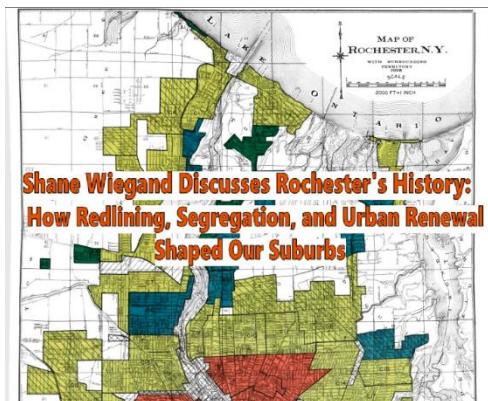
LIFE GROUP #4: Are you looking for a light, casual Bible study that meets in the afternoon? Join Bev Bennett on Friday, November 20, 2020 and December 18, 2020 at 3:00 in the Large Hall. Bev is open to any ideas the group may have and has suggested continuing the fun and fellowship with a pot-luck dinner or going out for a fish fry together afterwards. 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.

November 17th at 6:30PM

You are invited to attend a Zoom presentation on the history of redlining, segregation, and urban renewal programs in Rochester.

This look back into our city's past will include information on the policies that shaped our own Greece neighborhoods.

The presenter is Mr. Shane Wiegand.



This event is sponsored by the Bethany Presbyterian Church Spirituality and Social Justice group. The event is free to all and you are welcome to share this invitation with others. You will need to use the passcode below to join this presentation.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88227640658?pwd=MVpKK2YvTTJpM0xBMldCamE1bHd2UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 2764 0658

Passcode : 502877

About Shane: Shane Wiegand is a fourth grade teacher in the Rush-Henrietta School District and the co lead of the PathStone Foundation's Antiracist Curriculum Project. He has researched, compiled, and taught Rochester's history of structural racism and resistance in his classroom for the past eight years. Starting with ten fourth grade teachers in his school district, Shane has now trained over three hundred fifty teachers in anti-racist curriculum across multiple districts.

Shane is a board member of Connected Communities, Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition, and City Roots Community Land Trust. He is an adjunct faculty instructor in the URM Department of Neurology, where he lectures, leads workshops on anti racism and equity. He and his wife live in the Beechwood neighborhood of Rochester.

About the talk: This talk examines how federal policies like redlining, racially restrictive covenants, and urban renewal segregated Rochester, built wealth for its white citizens and disenfranchised people of color. It explores how local civil rights leaders like Howard Coles, Dr. Walter Cooper, Connie Mitchell, Alice Young and many others fought back. Finally, it connects these past policies to the disparity and inequality we see in Rochester today and invites us to learn from and apply the activism of Rochester's past to its present.



ORGAN UPDATE

The Father Willis Relocation, Restoration and Reinstallation Committee have held 26 meetings since March 25th. Most of which have been over the phone. Recently we have been able to meet in the Large Hall.

Because Bethany does not have a Purchase Contract with the church in England, The Father Willis organ project is still not for public knowledge.

We have retained Mr. Timothy Fitzgerald Esq. of Harris Beach LLC to represent us (Bethany) in any and all legal dealings. Tim is very excited about our organ project.

A zoom meeting was held with Trustees of Genesee Valley Presbytery on August 13 and they were impressed with how much we have accomplished in such a short time and gave us their blessings for our project. George, one of the Trustees, said that "...even at \$1 M the organ is a Steal!". Barbara James Chairman of the Trustees then took our information to the "Big Picture" team where Bethany's Father Willis organ project was also approved.

September 13th we met with David Brown, Service Foreman of Buzard Pipe Organ Builders. He had recently returned to the states from England where he performed a two-day on site survey gathering the details necessary to disassemble, pack and ship the organ and pipes. Dave also talked about what we need to do to import the ivory keyboard. Dave will work hand in hand with our Architect once we have selected one.

A "Letter of Agreement" between Bethany and Buzard was signed August 23, Formally starting the Father Willis Organ Project

The Project Team is currently working the contract with Buzard organ builders, purchase contract with the church of England and the request for proposal for the selection of an architect.

The Committee: Bob Osborne – Chairman, Ed Grizer – Project Manager, Charlie Dennett, Cindy Hetzler, Helen West, Linda Tolentino, Jacob Montgomery – Director of Music and Bev Murray – Secretary.



HOLIDAY PIES FOR HABITAT HOUSES

Thanksgiving is just around the corner; a time for families, special meals and a time for thanks for all we have. Each year, our Greece Coalition of Churches hold a pie sale, featuring pies from Kelly's Apple Farm. The proceeds from the sale help in the sponsorship of another home (our 8th). You can help by ordering a pie or pies for that special day. Pie orders have to be in no later than Sunday, November the 15th. Place your order by either mailing your order with payment to the Rich Hemmenway, 42 Burritt Road, Hilton, NY 14468. You can also order directly by calling Rich at 392-0046 or by email at richhemmenway@gmail.com. **Ordering early helps us (and Kelly's) plan, so place your order asap.** Drive up pick up of your pies will be on Tuesday, the 24th 4-7 pm at the church Clarke entrance. Drive up, stay in your car, honk your horn, and we will bring your pies out to you. Make checks payable to Bethany Presbyterian Church. **Thanks for your support!**

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HOLIDAY PIES FOR HABITAT HOUSES

SUPPORT THE GREECE CHURCHES HABITAT For Humanity BY ORDERING YOUR THANKSGIVING PIES NOW!

- Homemade pies from Kelly's Farm Market in Hilton, NY, made from scratch without preservatives with fruit grown on their own farm.
- Pies are deep 10 inch homemade fruit pies, weighing about 4.5 lbs.
- **Pies freeze nicely, buy now and can serve at Christmas**
- All profits directly fund the next Greece Church's Habitat for Humanity House

ORDER YOUR PIES BY SUNDAY, NOV. 15th, pick up on Tuesday, Nov 24th.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

| PIE VARIETY | QTY | PRICE EA. | TOTAL PAID |
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| Apple Crumb | | \$17 | |
| Apple Raspberry | | \$17 | |
| Pumpkin | | \$17 | |
| Apple Crisp | | \$13 | |
| Totals | | | |
| In lieu of, or in addition to pies, I(we) would like to make a donation to the project of: | | | |
| Grand total | | | |

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PayPal payment also available for details email richhemmenway@gmail.com*

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