

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

“Psalm Prelude No. 1 Set 1”

Herbert Howells

“Based of Psalm 34:6. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.”

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Pastor: O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In God’s hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

Pastor: The sea is the Lord’s, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

HYMN #41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

CALL TO CONFESSION Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Leader: If we say that we are without sin we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth. But if we confess our sins, God is capable and just. God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. With this confidence let us approach the throne of grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Holy God, we are quick to blame; we love to point the finger. We are involved in a complex series of rationalizations, grudges and revenge in our homes, our workplaces, our community and in the world. Send your Spirit, O God, that we may have discernment of both our complicity and our responsibility in the hurt that is around us. Give us the power to extend our hand in friendship and forgiveness. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Leader: Hear these words of Christ: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

People: Let us journey onward in the power of God, who forgives us and loves us and speaks afresh to us each day.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison)- Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

Guide us the Lord by your Spirit, inspire us by your Word, that in our reading and our listening we may be equipped for ministry. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

SOLO

“Dank sei Dir, Herr” (Thanks Be To Thee)

Jeff Tabor, tenor

Thanks be to Thee,

Thanks be to Thee,

We give you praise,
all voices raise,
Lord we sing thanks be to Thee.

Like as a shepherd,
you show the way,
Lord by Your hand we are led,
You bring salvation forever more.

Thanks be to Thee,
Thanks be to Thee,
We give you praise,
all voices raise,
Lord we sing thanks be to Thee.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 23:35-43

SERMON “Why Doesn’t Steve Wear a Watch?” Dr. Roderic P. Frohman

HYMN #450 “Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SHARING OF CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

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

INVITATION TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

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

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison) Lay liturgist – Polly McCubbin

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; service with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN #394**

"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants
what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever
with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:

one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run!

BLESSING

POSTLUDE “Nun danket alle Gott” (Now Thank We All Our God) Sigfried Karg-Elert

BETHANY CALENDAR

Sunday	11/22	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	11/22	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Monday	11/23	7 pm	Life Group #2 (Large Hall)
Tuesday	11/24	10 am	Belles & Beaux – (Sanctuary)
Wednesday	11/25	10 am	Staff meeting – (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/25	4 pm	Organ Task Force meeting - (Large Hall)
Thursday	11/26		Happy Thanksgiving
Sunday	11/29	10 am	Virtual Worship Service – (Zoom/Facebook Live)
Sunday	11/29	11 am	Virtual Coffee Half Hour – (Zoom)
Sunday	11/29	12 pm	Session (Zoom)

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY: Roderic P. Frohman

Serving most recently as Associate Pastor for Church in Society, Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY, Rod retired in 2012. He has a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been a city pastor for 40 years in Philadelphia, Gary, Indiana, Minneapolis and Rochester. He is a 1967 graduate of the University of California, Berkeley. He is a 1971 graduate of Princeton Seminary. At Third Presbyterian Church Rod directed an outreach ministry composed of forty programs with approximately 430 volunteers. With Presbytery of Genesee Valley colleague and life-long friend, James Evinger, Rod consults with congregations about their outreach ministries. He also regularly teaches adult Sunday School classes specializing in Bible and Church History. He is married to Marcia Frohman a retired public school teacher and former manager of One World Goods in Pittsford. Rod is also a grandfather of two and a season-ticket holder to the Rochester Red Wings which he greatly missed this past season. Wait till next year!!

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Lewis family at the passing of Beverly Lewis.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: Today is Thanksgiving Sunday. Your donations to the Thanksgiving Offering will fund the Pastor's Discretionary Account for the coming year.

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.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE: As of November 20, 2020, we have 118 pledges with \$264,782 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.

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 30.

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

HOLIDAY PIES FOR HABITAT HOUSES: 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!***

BOOK STUDY: Due to the recent increased positive Covid cases in Monroe County the January book study is currently on pause.

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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