



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

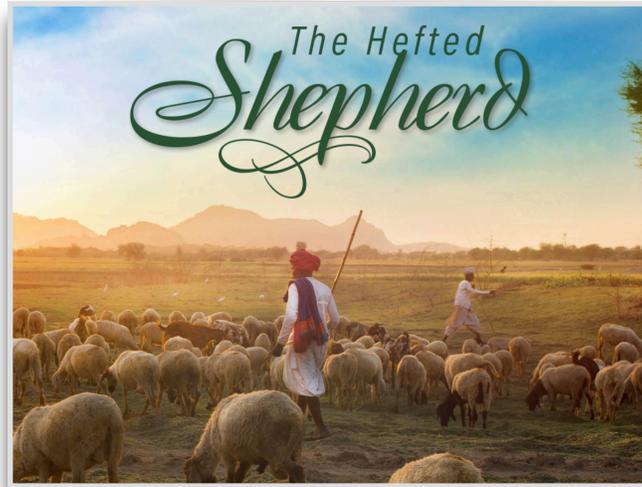
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*Third Sunday of Easter*



*“When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ Simon replied, ‘Yes, Lord, you know I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’”*

John 21:15 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*A real-life shepherd understands the challenges and sacrifices of tending sheep. Jesus’ restoration of Peter reveals that shepherding souls is often difficult and dangerous work.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *At Calvary*

L. A. WARRINER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

*(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

\* **GATHERING SONG:** *You Are My Strength When I am Weak* (see page 4)

DENNIS JERNIGAN

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to worship the One who heals us,  
***who opens our eyes to the goodness of God’s world.***

Come to worship the One who frees us,  
***who unbinds our hands from the chains we have made.***

Come to worship the One who calls us,  
***who offers us life and showers us with grace.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

As God has spoken in ages gone by.

***God speaks to us now.***

Hear the word of the Lord.

### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**JOHN 21:1-19**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1322

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think and do.

***Forgive us when we fail to see you in the face of a stranger, the voice of a neighbor, or the cry of a person in need.***

Forgive us when we are so consumed with our own stories that we forget the truth of the Easter story.

***Forgive us when we are quick to judge and slow to act, quick to speak and slow to listen, quick to fear and slow to care.***

Break into our lives, God of surprises, and grant us the faith to recognize you.

***Charge us up, O Lord! Set our hearts to dancing! Give us a spirit for rejoicing, willing hearts and hands for helping, voices for praising you forever!***

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Sing! Shout! Rejoice! Jesus calls us to serve because of his love for us.

***He believes in us and all the gifts we have been given! Do not be afraid. Christ is with us always. In Christ we are a forgiven people! Amen!***

### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.*

*Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.*

*Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!*

*How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

### \* SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

***We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.***

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

### AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

**OFFERTORY:** *My Heart Rejoices*

E. BROUGHTON

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #147:** *Blessing and Honor*

O QUANTA QUALIA

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Were You There?*

TRADITIONAL

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: *The Hefted Shepherd*

REV. JOHNSON

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\* **CLOSING HYMN #423:** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *To God Be the Glory*

E. BROUGHTON

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\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

# You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

## You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) F (G) C (Am7) Dm7 (Em) Am (C) F

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea- sure that I

(Dm7) Gm7 (C) F (G7) C7 (C) F (G7) C7 (C) F (G) C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) Dm7 (Em) Am (C) F (Dm7) Gm7 (C) F (G7) C7 (F) Bb (C) F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) F (G) C (Am7) Dm7 (Em) Am (Dm7) Gm7 (C) F (G) C (C) F (G7) C7

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) F (G) C (Am7) Dm7 (Em) Am (Dm7) Gm7 (C) F (G7) C7 (F) Bb (C) F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!



# *Our Faith Community @ Work*

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have

any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at [www.bethanypreschurch.org](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

***“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’”*** (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

**For our children:** Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

**Audio and Visual Assistance:** A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

**Operating our audio and video systems** this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

**Audio Recordings** of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at [www.buzzsprout.com/9198](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198).

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Call to Worship* Lectionary Resources
- *Homiletics Online* website ([www.homileticonline.com](http://www.homileticonline.com))
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Randy Cousins)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Willborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton

Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Family of Levi Byrd  
Foy Bayliff  
Dusty Kimrey

Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Katherine Bayliff  
Randy Thompson  
Jerry Perdue

Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Alex Thomas  
Bill Abplanalp  
Robert Sykes

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Fellowship Class** (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

**Children** (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

**Youth** (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Ben Russell)

Elders of the Month for May are **Jean Payne** and **Chip Allen**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Monday, the 6<sup>th</sup>:

- 10:00 - Circle #1
- 7:00 - Circle #4

Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

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