



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter



*“Peter asked, “These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.
Acts 10:47-48 (CEB)*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Sometimes, a technology, invention or new device arrives on the market and makes such a splash that it disrupts the entire industry. The world is never the same. The smartphone as well as the personal computer are examples. Lesser-known cases are occurring every day, as well. The point is that the Holy Spirit leads us to ministry that may seem disruptive, but that, by virtue of that disruption, creates lasting and positive change.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *In Peaceful Rest*

T. DUBOIS

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:** *Come, All You People*

UYAI MOSE

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come all you people, come and praise the Savior;
come now and worship the Lord.*

*Come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
come now and worship the Lord.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,
our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,
we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love.
young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched lift the new, new songs of faith.

* OPENING HYMN #356: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!
We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE: ACTS 10:44-48

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1339

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

God of songs and marvels, old and new, your powerful love for this world continues to astound us. In these last days of Easter, we gather to recall the love that brought Jesus into this world and into our lives: as savior, friend and brother.

We thank you for welcoming us into your household and for trusting us with your marvelous work to draw all people into the spacious home of your love.

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition.

We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Long ago Jesus said to his disciples, "I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me, but I chose you!"

Jesus speaks these words to us today. Jesus forgives us and chooses us to be his friends, sharing his great work of love. Hallelujah! Amen!

* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #485: *To God Be the Glory*

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory: great things He has done!*

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

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 confess our faith. 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: *This is My Father's World*

ARR. BOCK

*** A DOXOLOGY:**

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 #298:** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *I Will Praise the Lord With All That I Have*

RICHARD TOWNS

With all that I have I'll give Him praise.

With my mouth and my voice I will sing and rejoice.

With all that I have, with all that I have, with all that I have I'll give Him praise.

Praise God from who all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

I will sing praise to the Lord for He is worthy to be praised.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Worthy Praise!

With all that I have, with all that I have, with all that I have I'll give Him praise.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Spirit-Driven Disruptions*

Text: Acts 10:44-48

REV. JOHNSON

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1339

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

MARTY HAUGEN

As is our custom, you are invited to come forward during the final hymn and bring your Pennies for Hunger offerings to the basket on the communion table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *Arise to Life*

E. BROUGHTON

Please stand in body or spirit.

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



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 guest 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; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following @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 can 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.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticonline.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

Today is the first Sunday of the month, so, as is our custom, we will receive our **Pennies for Hunger Offering**. You may bring your offering forward during the final hymn and place in the basket on the table.

Are you really into singing hymns! Do you miss some of the old favorites? Then you will not want to miss our **Hymn Sing** during worship on **Sunday, May 27th**. Our service that Sunday will be devoted to praising God through the singing of hymns. As you can see from the insert in the bulletin, you have the opportunity to make suggestions for the hymns we will sing on that day. See in the insert for more information.

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 Elder: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

We are currently asking for **donations of eyeglasses** (and reading glasses) that are no longer of use to use. These will be donated to Salem Presbytery's medical mission trip to Chiapas, Mexico in June. The basket for donations can be found on the table in the Welcome Center.

ATTENTION NON-COMPUTER USERS: We realize that there are some in our congregation who do not use computers, and thus miss out on emails and other correspondence regarding prayer requests and other information. If you will let Joy know in the office, she will put you on a list to call whenever one of these emails goes out. The office number is 336.227.4041.

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Family of Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin		Diane Bullis

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

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 Glenn Patterson)

Copies of the **Narrative Budget** that was distributed at last week's meeting of the corporation are available in the church office or at the mailboxes.

Elders of the Month for May are **Glenn Patterson** and **Nancy Purcell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Monday, the 7th:

- 7:00 – Circle #4

Tuesday, the 8th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 9th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 13th:

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

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

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Jean Payne

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