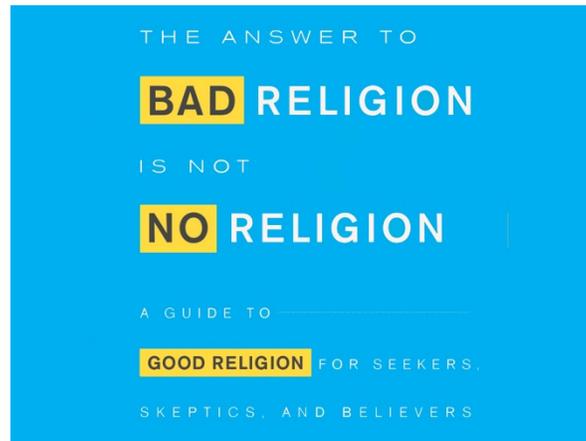




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June 3, 2018 – 11:00 am
Second Sunday after Pentecost



“On another Sabbath, Jesus entered a synagogue to teach. A man was there whose right hand was withered. The legal experts and the Pharisees were watching him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. They were looking for a reason to bring charges against him.

Luke 6:6-7 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Think for a moment about all the good things religion gives us. Religion provides meaning, purpose, and hope for billions of believers. It builds significant relationships and faith communities. It gives people a sense of transcendence. It motivates people to care for others. It promotes responsible ethics and high ideals. It inspires music, art, and beauty. It fosters generosity, law-abidingness, and civic engagement, and even has health benefits. A world without religion would be a bankrupt, impoverished world.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *A Quiet Blessing*

V. VEENGER

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 #398:** *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT / DORIS AKERS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord, we have a story to tell.

A story of goodness and grace.

Lord, we have a story to tell.

A story of hope and love.

Lord, we have a story to tell.

A story of openness and togetherness.

Lord, we have a story to tell.

Help us to tell it well.

*** OPENING HYMN #446: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken***

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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: LUKE 6:1-11

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1252

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Lord, you call us to be salt and light, breaking through the chaos, idols, and distractions of our world. Too often we lose our pungency and we hide our light, while idols take center stage.

Forgive us when we fail to stand up for you and the love you embody, letting voices of hate shout louder and louder. Grant us the courage and grace to serve others in humility, giving glory to our lord who came as a humble servant to save the world.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

We are no longer blown about in the winds of the world, we are grounded, yesterday, today, tomorrow in God's forgiveness, hope and love.

Today, tomorrow, forever: we can bear fresh fruit, sharing God's peace and joy with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak***

DENNIS JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.

When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

*** 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: *In This Very Room*

R. AND C. HARRIS / ARR. F. BOCK

*** THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #420:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

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: *The Heavens are Telling*

MUSIC: BEETHOVEN / WORDS: GELLERT

*The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory.
Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story:
O man, repeat that glorious sound!
The starry hosts He doth order and number,
He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtain'd slumber;
O man, adore the King of Kings!
The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor,
His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever
Thy God and Father still shall be.
He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver,
A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor,
In Him salvation shalt thou find.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *What To Do With No Religion*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN:** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* (see next page)

ERNEST NICHOL

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *Blessed Be the Name*

ARR. B. GLYNCANNON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

1. We've a sto - ry to tell to the na - tions, that shall turn their hearts to the
 2. We've a song to be sung to the na - tions, that shall lift their hearts to the
 3. We've a mes - sage to give to the na - tions, that the Lord who reign - eth a -
 4. We've a Sav - ior to show to the na - tions, who the path of sor - row hath

4 right, a sto - ry of truth and mer - cy, a sto - ry of peace and
 Lord, a song that shall con - quer e - vil and shat - ter the spear and
 bove hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is
 trod, that all of the world's great peo - ples might come to the truth of

8 light, a sto - ry of peace and light.
 sword, and shat - ter the spear and sword.
 love, and show us that God is love.
 God, might come to the truth of God.

Refrain

For the dark - ness shall turn to dawn - ing, and the dawn - ing to noon - day

14 bright; and Christ's great king dom shall come on earth, the king dom of love and light.



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 **Brandon Troxler**. 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.homileticsonline.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

This morning marks the beginning of a new **Summer Sermon Series: *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion: A Guide to Good Religion for Seekers***. Here is the schedule for this unique series:

- June 3rd: *What to Do With No Religion*
- June 10th: *The Answer to Judgment is Love*
- June 17th: *The Answer to Negativity is Hope*
- June 24th: *The Answer to Arrogance is Openness*
- July 8th: *The Answer to Division is Community*
- July 15th: *The Answer to Passivity is Passion*

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship this morning, to act on a recommendation of the Session regarding sale of the property across Highway 87 to the west. Elder Glenn Patterson will present the information regarding the sale.

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 Sandy Cook)

Don't miss the first event of our **Summer Movie Series, next Sunday, June 10th at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Our first movie will be the 1992 hit **Leap of Faith**, starring Steve Martin, Debra Winger, and Liam Neeson. We recommend bringing lawn chairs or whatever you choose, as the chairs in the Fellowship Hall are not very comfortable. There will be popcorn and drinks, so come join the fun!

We are in the process of putting together a new in-house **Pictorial Directory**. We are using photographs from the previous directory, unless you indicate otherwise. To view the picture we have on file for you, you may come by the church office and Joy will show it to you, or call Joy and she will send it to you electronically. To submit a new photo, send it to Joy (office@bethanypreschurch.org) or bring a print by so it can be scanned.

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	Levi Byrd	Diane Bullis
	Susie Hunley	

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 the recent meeting of the corporation are available in the church office or at the mailboxes.

Elders of the Month for June are **A. J. Campbell** and **Jean Payne**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 – Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, the 5th:

- 7:00 – *Jesus for President* Book Study

Wednesday, the 6th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 10th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 6:30 – Summer Movie Series – *Leap of Faith*

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

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Nancy Purcell

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