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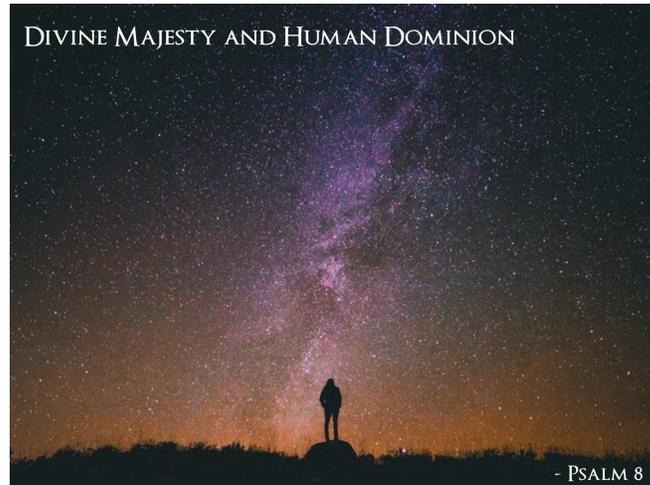
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June 16, 2019 – 11:00 am

Trinity Sunday



*"Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!"*

Psalm 8:1 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"In Psalm 8, questions and praise peacefully coexist. It is possible to have questions and doubts, and still believe. Even more, between the questions and praise, there is purpose to life. God has made human beings little less than angels in order to care for all things under heaven. On the day we speak of the mysterious union of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we are guided by this psalm in its lyrical union of questions, praise, and purpose. While three things in one may be difficult to explain, they can be understood." - from Feasting on the Word commentary - James McTyre*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Jesus is My Hope*

R. SAWYER

### 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:** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

GERON DAVIS

*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground. (Repeat)*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Sovereign, your name is: *Majestic, Compassionate, Glorious, Inspiring, Beautiful, Amazing, Tender, Powerful.* All-encompassing Lord, your name is blessed in all the earth.

***Let us worship the God of the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!***

## 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

#### PSALM 8

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 669

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

O Lord, you reveal wisdom and spiritual insight through your presence in creation. When we look at the heavens, we see your vastness.

***When we look at the mystery of creation, we see your creativity and your bounty. For all of this and so much more, we praise your name.***

By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

***O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Yet we put aside your majesty, seeking our own power and gain. We set aside our responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care.***

By both carelessness and design, we pollute air, land, and waters. In our greed, we use more resources than we rightly need. We confess that we do not fully comprehend the damage we have done to the birds of the air, the creatures of the sea, and the animals that live in forests and fields.

***Forgive us, we pray. Let your majesty fill our senses, and pervade our actions, that we may become better stewards of creation. Call us, in every infant's cry, to care for one another so that all your people flourish.***

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

***We have peace and forgiveness with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen!***

### \* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah*

TRADITIONAL

*Glory, glory, hallelujah! since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

*I feel better, so much better since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

*Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burden down. (Repeat)*

### \* 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:** *Hymn of Praise*

\* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices*

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives: they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY #316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

N. SLEETH

DWIGHT LILES

TRENTHAM

## 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:** *Holy Spirit*

BRYAN AND KATIE TORWALT

*There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare. You're our living hope.  
Your Presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of love  
where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your Presence, Lord  
Holy Spirit you are welcome here,  
come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
to be overcome by your Presence, Lord.  
Oh God how we love your Presence.  
Let us become more aware of your Presence  
Let us experience the glory of your goodness*

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Divine Majesty and Human Dominion***

REV. JOHNSON

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

\* **CLOSING HYMN #460:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

\* **SENDING**

Let us go now, as children of God, who is mindful of all people.

***We will go to speak as simply as little children, to share songs of joy we learned as infants.***

Let us go now, as siblings of Jesus, brother to the poor.

***We will go to stand at the intersection of oppression and despair, to cry out for all those whose hopes have been silenced.***

Let us go now, as heirs of the peace of the Spirit.

***We will go to share delight with everyone we meet, to offer grace to those who have suffered most.***

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *God of Our Fathers*

D. ROBERTS / G. WARREN

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*



# *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
- *Feasting on the Word* Commentary and Resources
- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

**Nursery Volunteers Needed!** We rejoice that we have a nursery attendant during our worship services. However, policy requires that there be two adults present at all times. We feel that it is important that this role not fall on parents all the time and that as a congregation we uphold our promise made at baptism to take part in the nurture and care of our children. To that end, we would like to ask for volunteers to be with Paige in the nursery during the worship hour. The sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

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	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Jack Cook	Peter Slater	Ruby Martin
Joan Richardson	Joey Leake	Shirley Lane
Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell	Ida Whitney
Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore	Katherine Turner
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 Jerry Perdue	Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas
Foy Bayliff	Randy Thompson	Robert Sykes
	Ritchie Fishburne	

**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.

We are so excited to offer a new Faith Formation experience for the summer with our **Summer Sunday Series, *Feasting on the Word***. This study series will be held during the Sunday school hour for the months of June, July, and August, and will be led by the pastor. The class will be held in the classroom across from the offices, and will begin at 9:45 with refreshments and coffee, followed by the lesson. The unique feature of this series is that each session will focus on the scripture passage from which John is preaching on that particular Sunday. Hopefully, the engaging discussion will feed into a more meaningful and engaging worship! Here are the texts and topics for June:

- June 16<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 8, *Divine Majesty and Human Dominion*
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, *Sounds of Silence*
- June 30<sup>th</sup>: TBA - John away

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

Elders of the Month for June are **Ron Osborne** and **Karen Maxwell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- 9:45 – *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 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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