



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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June 23, 2019 – 11:00 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost



*"A very strong wind tore through the mountains and broke apart the stones before the LORD. But the LORD wasn't in the wind. After the wind, there was an earthquake. But the LORD wasn't in the earthquake. After the earthquake, there was a fire. But the LORD wasn't in the fire. After the fire, there was a sound. Thin. Quiet."*  
1 Kings 19:11-12 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*"Where is God when we feel needy? Elijah certainly expected to find God in the earth (quake), wind, and fire, but God was not there. Instead, God was in the sound of silence. Simon and Garfunkel had it right—we need to listen to those sounds of silence (e.g., the plight of the oppressed, the vacant faces of the homeless, the inarticulate cries of undernourished children), because in them God is encouraging us to persevere. Being stubborn people, we forget what Elijah learned: the presence of God is not always obvious. Our preconceptions of God's truth and ways in which God will communicate it get in our maze-minded way." - from Feasting on the Word commentary - Carrie N. Mitchell*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *If With All Your Hearts*

F. MENDELSSOHN

### 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:** *Jesus, We Are Here*

JESU, TAWA PANO

*Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.  
Savior . . . Teacher . . . Spirit*

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us,  
***there is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who heals us, whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy.***

This One is the Lord.

***Come, let us worship God.***

\* **OPENING HYMN:** *God Is Calling Through the Whisper* (see page 4)

MARY LOUISE BRINGLE / W ZLOBIE LEZY

## 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**

**1 KINGS 19:1-15A**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 451

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

**AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS**

Almighty God, ruler of all things seen and unseen, through your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you show your power and mercy. You cast out evil, tear down walls of division, comfort and challenge your people, and show signs of your kingdom coming into the world.

***Grant that we may lift up the discouraged, strengthen the doubting, and join with all who seek to thank you for your goodness. Glory be to you, O God, who, with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Son, together is worshiped and praised; One God forever.***

The geography of sin is a waterless waste. But God gives springs of living water, streams of justice and mercy splashing into the wilderness from the mountain of God. Let us drink deeply of Christ. Let us confess our sins.

***Holy One, God Most High, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you.***

We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of god-forsakenness, and into your holy ways. God our Savior, forgive us. Quench our thirst for you from the Rock of our salvation, and let your love well up in us unto eternal life.

***Speak tenderly to us of your presence. Feed us with your word. Deliver us from evil. Let us enter into your kingdom; then send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.***

**AN OFFERING OF SILENCE**

**AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

Christ covers us with baptismal waters, so that our lives are hidden in him. This Jesus, the Son of the Most High God, is sovereign even over the powers of evil, so that his reign brings freedom and joy.

***Therefore, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. 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**

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:** *Here I Am, Lord*

**\* 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 #272:** *God of the Sparrow*

ROEDER

**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:** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

MARTIN LUTHER / ARR. DAVID CLYDESDALE

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth, his name, from age to age the same,  
And he must win the battle.*

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.*

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***The Sounds of Silence***

REV. JOHNSON

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE****\* CLOSING HYMN #421:** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

\* **SENDING**

Today I will be tempted to wander away from you. By your Spirit, guide me in the ways you want me to go.

***I may become discouraged by my own limitations or by interactions I have with others.***

Direct my thoughts and words and actions so that they reflect your love, not only for me, but also for those around me.

***Remind me today and every day that, in Jesus Christ, I belong to you. That will be enough. Amen.***

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE:** *Lord of All Life*

E. BROUGHTON

\* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

GATHERING

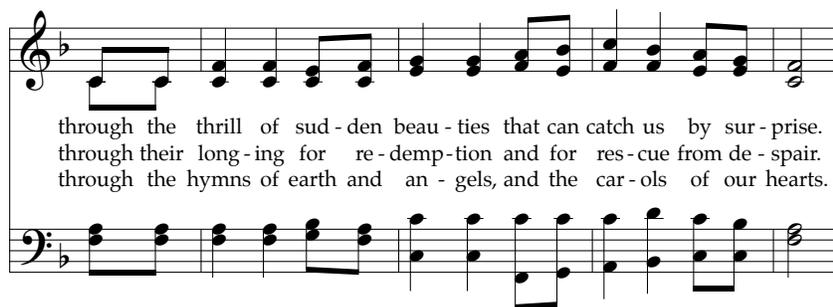
# 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



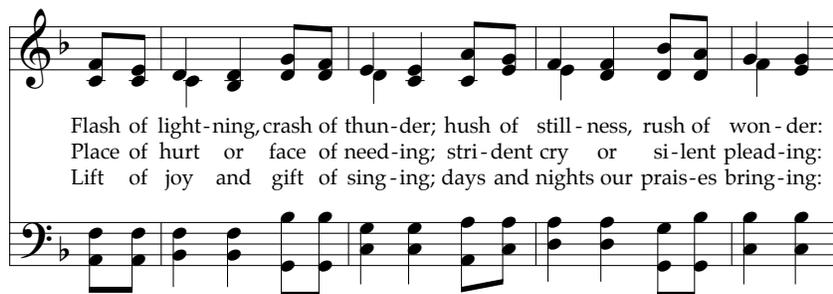
1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!





# 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:

- *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal
- *Feasting on the Word* Commentary and Resources

**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.

This afternoon John and Chris will travel to Montreat to attend the annual **Montreat Conference on Worship and Music** sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

John will be away next Sunday taking a few days of vacation at the end of the conference. In John’s absence we will welcome to the pulpit next week, **Rev. Bryan McFarland**, outgoing Associate Presbyterian for Salem Presbytery. We are thrilled to welcome Bryan back to Bethany.

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
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 upcoming texts and topics:

- June 23<sup>rd</sup>: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, *Sounds of Silence*
- June 30<sup>th</sup>: TBA - John away
- July 7<sup>th</sup>: Psalm 30, *A Shout of Joy*
- July 14<sup>th</sup>: Luke 10:25-37, *Travelers on the Road*
- July 21<sup>st</sup>: Luke 10:38-42, *Paying Attention*
- July 28<sup>th</sup>: Luke 11:1-13, *Teach us to Pray*

**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

Today, the 23<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>:

- Chris and John attend the Montreat Worship & Music Conference

Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- John on Vacation

Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:45 – *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship, Rev. Bryan McFarland, Guest Preacher

### 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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