

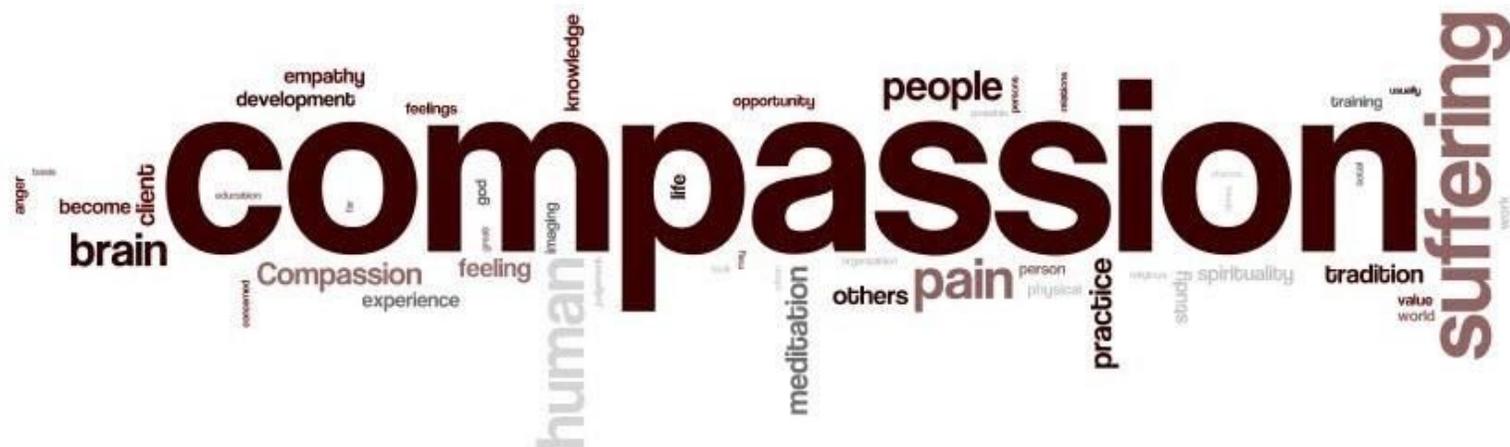


Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Compassion

June 14, 2020 – 11:00, the Second Sunday after Pentecost

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Holy Presence, let me be with you today. Awaken my senses to the wonders of your creation, and fill me with compassion for every person I meet. Amen

PRELUDE: *IN TIMES LIKE THESE*

Ruth C. Jones

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

God welcomes us here.

Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

God welcomes us here.

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace, we gather to hear the good news:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

* OPENING HYMN #: 150 *COME, CHRITIANS, JOIN TO SING*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 9:35-10:8

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1181

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have obtained access to the grace in which we stand.

With confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Loving God, without your grace we are like sheep without a shepherd.

Sometimes we are harassed by sin and feel helpless against its power.

Sometimes, in our sin, we use our own power to harass the helpless.

We are wolves in sheep's clothing, innocent as serpents and wise as doves.

Forgive us, O Lord, and bring us home.

Restore us to your flock and fold, we pray;

through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

Hear the good news of God's love: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.)

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

* 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:

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His

human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women

commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive

to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful

consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his

coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to

confess Christ as Lord.

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

Jesus said: The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.
Therefore we ask the Lord to send us out
as laborers for the harvest.
Let us offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY: Let There Be Peace on Earth**

JACKSON /MILLER

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Compassion*

RICK PURCELL, CLP

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #438:** *BLEST BE THE TIES THAT BIND*

* **SENDING**

As you go, proclaim the good news:
the kingdom of heaven has come near!

Matt. 10:7

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the Spirit's peace be with you always. Amen

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

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; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

Obviously, due to the ongoing health crisis surrounding the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we are not worshipping in person at this point in time, but rather gathering virtually using the Zoom meeting platform. Each week the congregation will be emailed a link by which everyone can join the meeting using their computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet. John will lead worship in this manner, and congregants are invited to participate as they are able. For those who are unable to connect via Zoom, we are also hoping to be on Facebook Live as well. We are still trying to work out some glitches in that.

For those unable to get the link via email, it will also be on our Facebook page, and on our website.

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. A **Video Recording** of our Zoom worship will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Resources used in today's worship:

- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

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

Bill Faucette
Jack Cook
Joan Richardson
Teresa Wilborn
Tiffany Tauchren
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Alex Thomas
Randy Thompson
Frederica Beatty
Christopher Bagley

Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Pete Campbell
Ben Johnson
Katherine Bayliff and Family
Glenn Thompson
Carol Brooks
Lou Crutchfield

John & Ann Sutton
Ruby Martin
Shirley Lane
Ida Whitney
Katherine Turner
Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Robert Sykes
Ritchie Fishburne
Janie Holt Clapp
Jean Payne

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. (Classes will resume when we return to having church in person!)

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: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for June are **Helen Brown** and **Randy Cousins**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

Wednesday, the 17th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, the 21th:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

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Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

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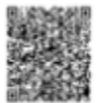
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