



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Theologian Karl Barth is reported to have declared that there is only one sin, suggesting that the single sin from which every lesser sin emanates is the sin of ingratitude—the failure to comprehend the theological truth that human life in all its beauty, abundance, and possibility is a gift. No one has recognized the undergirding truth beneath Barth's statement better than the psalmist: "O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever." - from Feasting on the Word commentary by P. C. Enniss.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *I Surrender All*

W. WEEDEN

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*

DORIS AKERS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Call upon the Lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure! Praise God!

Sing to the Lord, all you faithful; give thanks to God's holy name.

God turned our mourning into dancing! The Great Tailor took away the sackcloth and dressed us up in celebration! Our hearts sing without ceasing! O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!

* **OPENING HYMN #461:** *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

PSALM 30

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 684

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness. Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to you by serving others. Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and hope, that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming love.

When we walk from darkness into the light we can see ourselves as we really are. We see the spots of sin more clearly, and we realize that we need God's healing and redemption.

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own!

We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them.

Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers!

In Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored! 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: *Deep River*

ARR. H. T. BURLEIGH

SYLVESTER ALLEN, SOLOIST

Deep river, My home is over Jordan.

Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

*Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?*

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

DWIGHT LILES

*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: *My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep From Singing)* - (see next page)**

ROBERT LOWRY

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

A MOMENT FOR MISSION: FRIENDS OF SHE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

STEVE ADAMS / ARR. PAUL FERRIS

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know "Thus saith the Lord".*

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
Oh for grace to trust Him more.*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end. (refrain)*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***A Shout of Joy***

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #430: *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!***

DARWALL'S 148TH

*** SENDING**

Let us never grow weary of doing what is right!
We will go to seek justice for all of God's children.
Let us not grow weary of leading others to the kingdom!
We will go to follow Jesus' example of gathering all into grace.
Let us not grow weary of speaking of hope and peace.
We will go to sow the Spirit's seed of life and hope.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE: *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder***

H. TURNER

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



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; on Facebook at 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 **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 today’s worship:

- *The Text this Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- *Feasting on the Word* worship 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.

John will be away on vacation July 11-16. In his absence we welcome a guest preacher to the pulpit next Sunday. John will be back in the office on Wednesday, July 17th.

Don’t miss another **Grill and the Gospel** gathering **this evening at 6:00 at the Rec Building**. John will be grilling chicken, so bring a dish for a potluck dinner to go along with that. We will continue our discussion of Adam Hamilton’s book and DVD ***“Why? Making Sense of God’s Will.”***

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
Debbie Johnson		Joy Saleeby

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. The Fellowship Class is currently participating in the *Feasting on the Word* summer series.

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.

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as this week they are attending the **Montreat Youth Conference**. They left yesterday and will return on this coming Saturday.

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:

- July 7th: Psalm 30, *A Shout of Joy*
- July 14th: Luke 10:25-37, *Travelers on the Road*
- July 21st: Luke 10:38-42, *Paying Attention*
- July 28th: Luke 11:1-13, *Teach us to Pray*

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

The **Session** is reminded of their regular monthly stated meeting this **Tuesday, the 9th at 7:00 pm.**

Elders of the Month for July are **Tracey Troxler** and **A. J. Campbell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 - *Feasting on the Word* Summer Study Series
- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 6:00 - The Grill and the Gospel

Tuesday, the 9th:

- 7:00 - Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 10th:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, the 11th - Tuesday, the 16th:

- John on Vacation

Sunday, the 14th:

- 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

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