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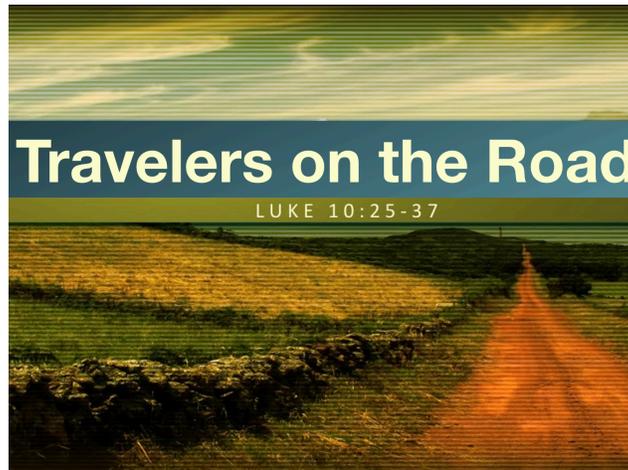
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July 14, 2019 – 11:00 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The Samaritan’s compassion stands in diametric opposition to the unconcern of the priest and the Levite. The Samaritan treats the man not as an enemy but as one dear to him, as shown in the multifaceted care he provides. His exemplary deeds, born from compassion, demonstrate the lengths to which love goes. Authentic love does not discriminate; it creates neighborly relationships, because by its nature it meets the needs of others.”

- from *Feasting on the Word* commentary by Matthew L. Skinner

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Let Peace Descend*

L. SMITH

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 #368:** *I've Got Peace Like a River*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Love the Lord your God,

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Love your neighbor as yourself,

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind!

Do this and you will live!

Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN #464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

LUKE 10:25-37

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1263

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Holy God, you call us to live out your justice and righteousness. Help us to walk in your footsteps, so that we never lose our way. Enable us to live and love in the way you have taught us, so that we can act in grace, even with those who we consider our enemies.

Holy God, we are your sons and daughters, descendants of the God most high, yet, we do not behave to honor you and our actions belittle the love you have for us. We do not defend the weak as we should. We do not uphold the poor or the oppressed as we are called to do.

Rise up to judge us, O God. We prefer your merciful justice, rather than living with guilt and fear.

Straighten our path, so that we can be guided as a mother or a father guides beloved children.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The triune God's unconditional love does not seek appearances or conditions, but loves in such a way, that we are restored to health and to wholeness.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

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)

TRADITIONAL

* 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *As the Deer*

* **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**

N. NYSTROM

DWIGHT LILES

* HYMN OF THE DAY #408: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

GERMANY

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: *On Eagle's Wings*

MICHAEL JONAS / ARR. MARK HAYES

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.
You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
who abides in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge" "My rock in whom I trust."
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand
The snare of the fowler will never capture you
and famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge
His faithfulness your shield.
You need not fear the terror of the night
nor the arrow that flies by day
though thousands fall around you
Near you, it shall not come.
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you are the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand.
For to His angels He's given, a command to guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against the stone
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
bear you on the breath of dawn
make you to shine like the sun and hold you
and hold you He will hold you in the palm of his hand*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Travelers on the Road***

ELDER RANDY COUSINS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #369:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL / ARR. WENDELL WHALUM

* SENDING

Go and bear fruit! Go and do!

We will live a life that is worthy of the Lord.

Give joyful thanks to God.

We will love our neighbor, we will do justice, we will speak out, and we will defend those who are weak and oppressed.

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* **POSTLUDE:** *Ever in the Faith*

E. BROUGHTON

* *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; 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 is away this week for a few days of vacation. In his absence we welcome **Elder Randy Cousins** as our guest preacher. **Elder Rick Purcell** will serve as liturgist and lead worship. John will return to the office on Wednesday morning.

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
Jim McLean (John's brother-in-law)		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.

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 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)

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 / Elder Randy Cousins, guest preacher

Wednesday, the 18th:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 21st:

- 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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