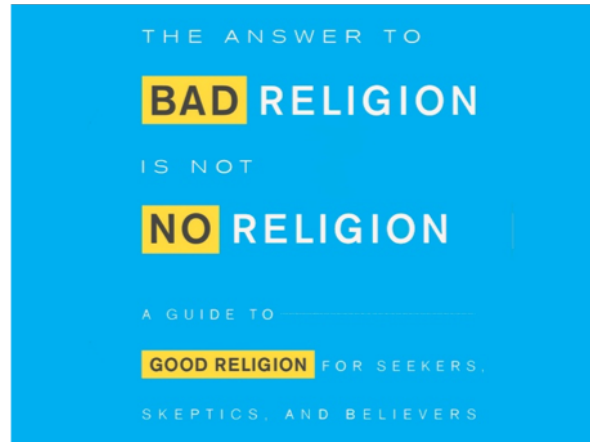




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July 15, 2018 – 11:00 am  
*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



*"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again?  
It's good for nothing except to be thrown away and trampled under people's feet.  
You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden.  
Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket.  
Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines on all who are in the house."  
Matthew 5:13-15 (CEB)*

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Today's message juxtaposes nominal, lazy religion that may attend church or assent to certain beliefs without affecting the whole of one's heart and life. Good religion impacts our behavior and priorities seven days a week and shines forth in passionate faith that shares the gospel without even using words.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Morning Song*

J. DENTON

### 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 Calls Us* (see page 4)

GALILEE

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Called to be light,  
***we would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.***

Called to be salt,  
***we would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.***  
Called to live in God's reality,  
***we would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.***

\* **OPENING HYMN #391:** *Take My Life*

HENDON

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!  
***We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.***

### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:

**REVELATION 3:15-16**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1493

**MATTHEW 5:13-16**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1173

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

***Thanks be to God.***

### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

When we see the hungry and refuse to pass them by; when we humbly notice those walking shoeless in winter before we repair the holes in our souls, we will worship you truly, God of the Feast and the Fast.

***When we think the line workers are as valuable as the CEOs; when we give our in-law apartment to a homeless family, we will follow you faithfully, Servant of the oppressed.***

When we mend fences with our siblings and build bridges to our enemies; when our cries for justice are louder than our cries for our favorite team, we will proclaim your hopes, Spirit of justice.

***Then we will be like a royal botanical garden watered by that grace which never runs dry.***

This is what God hopes for us – that we will speak of the mistakes we make, so we might be forgiven. Relying on the Spirit for the right words, we ask for forgiveness.

***It is true we break your commandments, O God. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.***

Forgive us, Loving God. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

***God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.***

\* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355:** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

NETTLETON

*Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!  
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

### \* 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 confess our faith. 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:** *All Voices in One Accord*

L. SMITH

**\* THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY #377:** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

#### **AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS 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**

#### **MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**THE WORD IN MUSIC:** *Jesus Paid It All*

ELVINA HALL / JOHN GRAPE

*I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."*

*Refrain:*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

*For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.*

*And when before the throne I stand in Him complete.*

*"Jesus died, my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat*

#### **THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

Sermon: ***The Answer to Passivity is Passion***

REV. JOHNSON

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

\* CLOSING HYMN #525: *Here I Am, Lord*

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE: *Our Refuge and Strength*

D. CALLENDER

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

## Jesus Calls Us 720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



# *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 guest 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:

- Resources provided through Sermon Series materials
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

**This morning** marks the conclusion of our **Summer Sermon Series: *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion: A Guide to Good Religion for Seekers***. Thank you for your comments, feedback, and response to this interesting and thought-provoking series.

John will be away next Sunday, and we are pleased to welcome back to the pulpit **Rev. Katie Todd**, who will be our guest preacher on that day. John will be back in the office on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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 Sandy Cook)

We are in the process of putting together a new in-house **Pictorial Directory**. We are using photographs from the previous directory, unless you indicate otherwise. To view the picture we have on file for you, you may come by the church office and Joy will show it to you, or call Joy and she will send it to you electronically. To submit a new photo, send it to Joy ([office@bethanypreschurch.org](mailto:office@bethanypreschurch.org)) or bring a print by so it can be scanned.

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	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 Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Levi Byrd	Shirley Lane
Betty Boggs	Alex Thomas	Susie Hunley
	Katherine Bayliff	

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

**Young at Heart Class** (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

**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: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for July are **Chip Allen** and **Karen Maxwell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 6:30 – Summer Movie Series – *“Leap of Faith”*

Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>:

- John on vacation

Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Rev. Katie Todd, guest preacher

### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

### Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Sandy Cook

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