



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“When Jesus praises Mary’s having chosen ‘the better part’ (v. 42), he refers to her singular focus on Jesus himself. ‘There should be only one thing’ (v. 42, my trans.): this does not mean one form of devotion, but one object of devotion. To be genuine, acts of discipleship—whether contemplative, active, or anything else—need to maintain such a focus. Martha’s problem is that her service strays from attending to its rightful object of devotion, the Lord Jesus.

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

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *I Would Be True*

L. EVERSON

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:** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is good and loving to the faithful.

Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us.

God is good!

All the time!

All the time!

God is good! Let us worship God!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

LUKE 10:38-42

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1263

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Grant us this day, O God, not to be overtaken by anxious thoughts that can make us feel that you are not near.

Give us the chance to sit at your feet, to enjoy every word and every musical note, that we may feel your real presence within our families, our communities, our jobs, and our schools.

Prepare us as we journey as your people, to worship and to obey. We live with this reality: God never forgets what we have done but, in mercy, forgives those whose hearts are full or repentance. Let us confess those things that break our relationship with God, assured that God will never break relationship with us.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Martha. We get distracted in our routines, so busy with our daily chores that we forget to take the time to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have given and the way it speaks about your love and passion for your people. We don't take the time to listen for your words, while reading the Bible, while listening to music, while talking to friends, and we become worried and upset about many things.

Sometimes, O God, we behave like Mary. We devote our time to looking up, thinking that everything we are commanded to do is to love God, and we forget to serve our neighbor, and to commit our time to the concrete work of the church, forgetting to get our hands dirty.

God of balance, help us: forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we can, indeed, keep the best part.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Before, because of our evil thoughts and actions, we were strangers and enemies of God. Now, we have been reconciled to God by the death and resurrection of Christ.

Now, we can live in peace, restored b the blood shed on the cross. We live in gratitude, because in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE: *We Are Forgiven*

HOPSON

447 We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

* 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: *Lead Me, Lord*

S. WESLEY / ARR. F. BOCK

* **A DOXOLOGY:** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN OF THE DAY #438:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

DENNIS

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: *Seek Ye the Lord*

J. V. ROBERTS

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

Call ye upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake his ways,

And the unrighteous man his thoughts,

And return to the Lord.

And He will have mercy and abundantly pardon.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***Paying Attention***

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #442:** *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

* SENDING

God sends us from this place, with our eyes wide open.

May we see all who hope for healing and for justice.

Jesus calls us to leave this place to go to listen. We will hear the cries of those ignored by the world;

we will open ourselves to the anguish of those around us.

The Spirit challenges us to welcome everyone as our sister and brother.

May we offer our lives and hearts to all we meet.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

T. KENDALL

* *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 **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.

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.

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
Jack Cook
Joan Richardson

Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Joey Leake

John & Ann Sutton
Ruby Martin
Shirley Lane

Teresa Wilborn
Tiffany Tauchren
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Katherine Bayliff
Randy Thompson
Jim McLean (John's brother-in-law)

Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Pete Campbell
Ben Johnson
Alex Thomas
Robert Sykes

Ida Whitney
Katherine Turner
Jeremy Harden
Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Foy Bayliff
Ritchie Fishburne
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 21st: Luke 10:38-42, *Paying Attention*
- July 28th: Luke 11:1-13, *Teach us to Pray*
- August 4th: Luke 12:13-21, *Rich Towards God*
- August 11th: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, *Being Faithful*
- August 18th: Hebrews 11:29-12:2, *Running the Race*
- August 25th: Luke 13:10-17, *Bending the Rules*

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

Wednesday, the 24th:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 28th:

- 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

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