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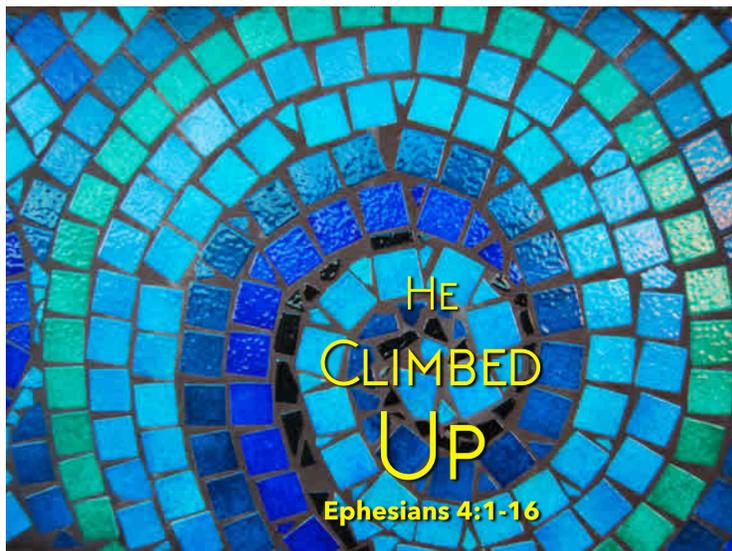
Graham, North Carolina

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July 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*



*“God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ. That’s why scripture says, ‘When he climbed up to the heights, he captured prisoners, and he gave gifts to people.’”*  
Ephesians 4:7-8 (CEB)

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Ephesians is ostensibly written by an imprisoned apostle Paul, and here the prisoner in the Lord implores his readers to live worthily of their calling to life without dividing walls or prison bars.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *Sunshine in My Soul*

F. RITTER

### 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:** *We Are One in the Spirit*

PETER SCHOLTES

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: (Refrain)*

*Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)*

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (Refrain)*

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)*

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

***We cannot do this alone, we dare not try this alone, so we gather as God's people.***

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling, gifts to be used with service and meekness.

***We come to build up Christ's Body, in humility and gentleness, with patience and love.***

Lead a life which reflects your calling, that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

***We rejoice in our oneness in Christ; we would share the grace offered to us.***

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called.

***We gather as God's family, listening for the Spirit to lead us onward.***

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

#### \* HYMN OF PRAISE #446: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Gentle God: we have traveled through many waters to reach this place, but share one baptism;

***we arrive from different backgrounds and traditions, yet share one faith;***

we are, each of us, unique and precious to God, and are members of one Body;

***we have different dreams and doubts, yet our hearts beat with one hope;***

we are graced with different gifts, so we may offer them in service to one Lord.

***God in Community, Holy in One, equip us for the work of ministry.***

When we try to sugarcoat what we have done, scripture stares us down, reminding us of our faults. When we seek to romanticize why we have failed to live as faithful people, God refuses to go along, waiting for us to confess our sins. Let us join together as God's children, lifting our prayers to the One who is generous in love.

***Like David, it is not easy for us to confront those deeds which do not please you. We are so busy looking for the miracles we desire, we cannot see the gift of your presence in others. We are so intent on indulging our appetites and slaking our thirsts, we cannot taste that Bread which gives life. We spend so much of our lives bemoaning the acts of others, we have no time to look in the mirror and see our secret faces.***

Forgive us, God of love. Grace us with your mercy, so we might be made whole. Touch our inner being and heal us, so we might know joy and gladness. Create new hearts within us, so they might beat as one with each other, and with your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Despite knowing our sin, God chooses to forgive us; seeing our emptiness, God chooses to feed us; holding our shattered hearts, God chooses to heal us. This is the good news: God loves us.

***God has graced us with mercy and created new life from our brokenness. Thanks be to God. 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**

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 confess our faith. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***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 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.***

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* (see page 4)

BEACH SPRING

**AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY:** *Lord, Be Glorified / Sanctuary*

B. KILPATRICK / J. THOMPSON / R. SCRUGGS / ARR. F. BOCK

**\* THE DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God, above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION #316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God. Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.*

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

HALL

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!  
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in Me thine all in all."  
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 Calvary's Lamb.  
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat.*

## THE SPOKEN WORD

A Reading from Ephesians 4:1-16  
This is Holy Scripture for God's people.  
**Thanks be to God!**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1425

## SERMON: HE CLIMBED UP

REV. JOHNSON

# LEAVING TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

\* **CLOSING HYMN #439:** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

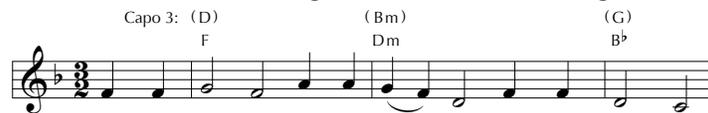
\* **POSTLUDE:** *Carry His Love With You*

A. MASON

\* *Those who are able may stand in body or spirit.*

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

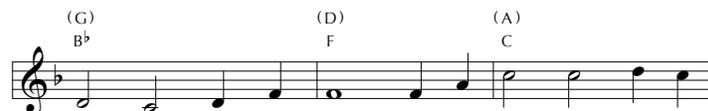
## God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



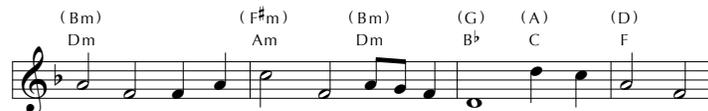
1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing 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. 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](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).

**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:

- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *Working Preacher* website ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org))

This morning we continue our **Sermon Series focusing on Paul's letter to the Ephesians**. Our remaining texts and themes for this series are:

- Today: Ephesians 4:1-16 – *He Climbed Up*
- July 30<sup>th</sup>: Fifth Sundays @ Bethany – Ephesians 6:10-20 – *Paul's Product Proposal*

**Our year-long 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** didn't end with our wonderful celebration at the end of May. As has been noted before our theme scripture passage for the celebration is Isaiah 40:28-31, **Growing Stronger – Growing Deeper – Reaching Higher**. Mark your calendars for our final celebration events:

- **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Concert by renowned artist, **David LaMotte** ([www.davidlamotte.com](http://www.davidlamotte.com))
- **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** – Culmination of anniversary celebration / **Rev. J. Herbert Nelson**, preaching (Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA) / **David LaMotte** providing music / Anniversary luncheon following worship

**Anniversary T-Shirts** are now available for purchase. There will be a table set up in the Welcome Center. Cash, checks, or credit cards accepted.

**Next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, marks another 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday @ Bethany!** As is our custom on these 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, our worship will be a bit more informal, will include more music, some new elements, and the **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**. 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays are also "casual dress" Sunday, so come dressed casually for a hot summer Sunday! And come with an open heart to worship!

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.

**To the parents of young children:** Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel that you must suppress those wiggles in God's house. **Please note that a professionally staffed nursery is available during the worship hour**. Here are some hints to make worship with your children more rewarding:

- Consider sitting towards the front where it is easier for little ones to engage. On the second pew nearest the choir loft, there are activities for children of all ages to keep busy with during the service.
- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders.
- Sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you.

- If you have to leave the sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me!”
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To adult worshippers:** The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our church is growing! Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sherrie Moore)

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	Harold Baldwin
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Duffy Strigo
Steward Dillard	Infant Sadie Ruth Majors	Norma Proctor
Donna Mitchell-Ayers	Ben Johnson	Gloria Carden Woods
Crystal Schappacher		Pete Campbell

Mark your calendars for our annual **Shrimp-a-Roo**, scheduled for **this Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. Tell your friends and neighbors and join us for this wonderful time of great food and even greater fellowship!

Each week **Salem Presbytery** lists churches and other ministries that we are to lift up in prayer that week. A complete list can be viewed online at the presbytery website: [www.salempresbytery.org](http://www.salempresbytery.org). On the prayer list for this week are: **Lansing Presbyterian; Siler City Presbyterian; Trinity Presbyterian, Salisbury**. Please keep these churches and ministries in your prayers this week.

**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.

**Seeker’s Class** (Church Office)

The Seeker’s Class is currently using the Wired Word curriculum, looking at current events as they relate to our faith.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATES: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 12<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SUPPORT Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Ron Kimrey, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for July are **Glenn Patterson and Karen Maxwell.**

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- Ephesians Sermon Series III
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>:

- 6:00 – Shrimp-a-Roo!

Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup>:

- **5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ Bethany**
- Ephesians Sermon Series IV
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

### Session

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

**Clerk:** Rick Purcell

**Treasurer:** Ron Osborne

### Class of 2017:

Ron Kimrey

Karen Maxwell

Sherrie Moore

### Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

### Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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