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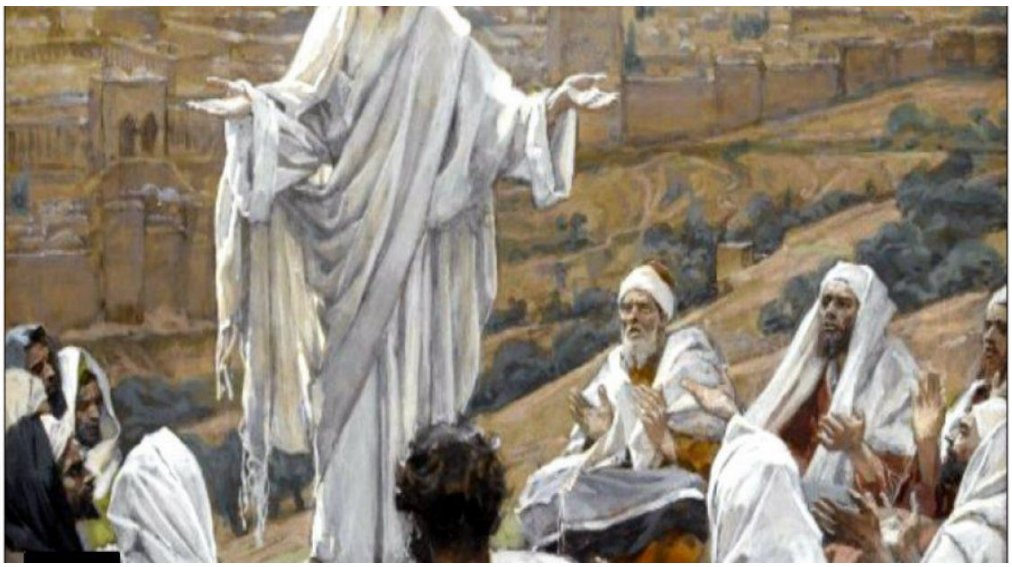

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here!

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Come, Come, Ye Saints* — LANI SMITH

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN #144:** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* — W. CHATTERTON DIX

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, His the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone!
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him,
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,
Thou on earth our food, our stay.
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to Thee from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,
Thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth Thy footstool, heaven Thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
Robed in flesh our great High Priest;
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES (PSALM 9 & PSALM 33)

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will tell of your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.
Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

GATHERING PRAYER (LUKE 11)

Sustaining God, grant us our basic needs.
Where there is hunger, give us bread.
Where there is homelessness, give us shelter.
Where there is loneliness, give us friendship.
Where we have wronged another, guide us into reconciliation.
And where we have been wronged, lead us on the journey of forgiveness.
Save in times of trail, and lead us in the Way of life. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967)

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all we say about God, ourselves, and the world.

***HYMN OF THE DAY :** *Jesus is All the World to Me* WILL L. THOMPSON

Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without him I would fall:
When I am sad, to him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad, he makes me glad,
He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
My friend in trials sore;
I go to him for blessings, and
He gives them o'er and o'er:
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
He sends the harvest's golden grain;
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to him I'll be;
Oh, how could I this friend deny,
When he's so true to me?
Following him I know I'm right,
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following him by day and night,
He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust him now, I'll trust him when
Life's fleeting days shall end:
Beautiful life with such a friend,
Beautiful life that has no end;
Eternal life, eternal joy,
He's my friend.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

The psalmist King David wrote, "Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin."
Let us confess our sin before God and one another, assured of God's mercy in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Merciful God, we pray the Lord's Prayer each week, even daily, but we do not always walk the walk.
We pray that your kingdom will come and your will be done, but we are reluctant to do the work of justice and mercy that characterize your kingdom.
We ask for our daily bread and then hoard as much as we can. We ask you to forgive us as we have forgiven others, but we are quick to anger and slow to forgive. Loving God, have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
Help us to seek your will for our lives and walk in the way of Jesus Christ; in whose name we pray. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE (GALATIANS 5:13)

For freedom Christ has set us free. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, your Word is our comfort in distress. It holds your promises that give us life.
Give us ears to hear your hope and call.
In the name of Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, we pray. Amen.

Encountering Scripture

Psalm 85 pew Bible, 731

Luke 11:1-13 pew Bible, 1263

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Word in Music: *Promise Song* Rebecca Far/arr. by Douglas Nolan

The Word Proclaimed

Sermon: *"The Lord's Prayer"* Rick Purcell, CRE

Prayers of the People

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.

An Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* William Walsham How

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*Blessing Our Gifts

***Closing Hymn #538:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* John Fawcett

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

***SENDING** (1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18)

POSTLUDE: *Rise Up and Serve the Lord* PATRICIA LOU HARRIS

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sundays, 9:45am Bible Study – Evie C. Marshall Room

Wednesdays, 10:00am Bethany Exercise Class - Evie C. Marshall Room

On Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom we will start our exercise classes. We will meet weekly to start with and set up additional time for those who cannot meet at this time. Our instructor is Richard Mann, who has certification in senior training, plus several other certifications. The exercises we will be learning are mainly for stretching and strengthening will the goal to help balance and mobility, and to improve overall individual independence.
If you are interested in the classes and have not yet registered, come between 9:30 and 9:45 on Wednesday, prior to the class, to meet Richard and get registered. We are hoping to keep the class at no or little cost to each individual. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Saturday, August 2nd Shrimp-a-Roo

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm for our annual **Shrimp-a-Roo.**
This is a Men of the Church sponsored event for **Bethany family and friends.**
Come enjoy this summertime feast, and table fellowship with your Bethany family and friends!
We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!!

Tuesday, August 5th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

Starting in June the Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library with be at Bethany on the first Tuesday of each month. The mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30.
Please stop by and "check-out" this wonderful service the library has to share

Tuesday, September 2 10:30am The Women of Bethany Church Gathering

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, September 2ndt at 10:30am in the Evie C. Marshall classroom. We will **not** have a meeting in August.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of **July**? They are asking for **Canned Chicken, Canned Tuna, 1 lb. bags of Rice and Spaghetti. Breakfast items (Cereals, Granola Bars, Oatmeal, Breakfast Bars), Children and Adult diapers and Feminine products.**
S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1st and 5th Saturday of the Month.
Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, July 27th – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, July 30th

10:00 – Exercise class - Evie C. Marshall classroom

6:30 – Choir Practice

Friday, August 1st

9:00 – Shrimp-A-Roo Prep Day Recreational Bldg.

Saturday, August 2nd

6:00 – Shrimp-A-Roo - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 3rd – 8th Sunday after Pentecost - Communion & Pennies for Hunger

9:45 – Bible Study - Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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