



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



“So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites.”
Exodus 19:5-6 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don’t hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It’s not about perfect music. It’s not about the perfect prayer. It’s about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.

* GATHERING MUSIC: *This Is the Day* – Celebration Medley

This is the day – This is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice – I will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.

I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.

I will rejoice cause He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.

I will rejoice cause He has made me glad.

(Repeat This Is the Day)

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: *Oh, How I Love Jesus*

F. WHITFIELD

*There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.*

*Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. (Refrain)*

*It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. (Refrain)*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship our God, who has done wonders in our lives.

God anoints us with joy and light, gifts from the treasures of God's heart.

We come to follow Jesus, who bears our lives with grace and hope.

Jesus would send us into the brokenness of the world to bring healing.

We come to be touched by the Spirit, who brings gentleness and peace for all.

The Spirit would enable us to offer reconciliation and justice to everyone we meet.

* OPENING HYMN #461: *God Is Here!*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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:

EXODUS 19:1-6; 20:1-2

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 89

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

We would sing glad songs to you as we enter your heart with thanksgiving on our lips, for you are that love which never ends; that joy which overflows; that faith which is always full.

We would proclaim our praise to you, as you would send us into the world in which we live, for you are the Word we can speak to power; the healing we can offer to the broken; the justice which can replace oppression.

We would offer our hands and hearts to you, as you teach us new steps in this dance we call life, for you are the cleanser of our messy hearts, the breath of hope for shallow lungs, the password for access to grace.

With our hearts, voices, bodies, souls, we offer joyful noise to you, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray.

We hunt for those links which offer life, but they are all broken. We keep searching for hope, only to be sent from one false site to another. But God, freely and faithfully, offers us the access to grace we need, through Jesus Christ. Let us join in offering our prayers to the One who is our hope, our life, as we pray together, saying,

Of course, we will do everything you ask, even as we cross our souls behind our backs. Yes, we could go where people are suffering, but we like the comfort of our homes. Yes, we could be with others as they seek to endure

life, but compassion is often hard to share. Yes, we could offer hope to the hungry and homeless, but we barely have enough for ourselves.

Forgive us and have mercy on us. Remind us that it was when we were most foolish, that you became fallible; it was when we were vile, that you became so vulnerable; when the world would not welcome us, that Jesus came – to listen to our emptiness, to comfort our grieving hearts, and to cast out death's power over us.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God as done it! God has carried away our foolishness. God has brought us out of despair and hope, and made us God's precious treasure.

We give thanks to our God, whose love is fresh and new in every moment, whose faithfulness is forever. 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD AND QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

* QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Mattie by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?
We do.

* SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING THE CHILD

Through baptism, Mattie has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church. God has made her a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ.

Mattie, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

PRAYER

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

* **HYMN OF RESPONSE #304:** *Jesus Loves Me*

JESUS LOVES ME

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

F. CROSBY / TUNE: R. LOWRY

* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices*

DWIGHT LILES

*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, we are an offering.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.*

*Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Refrain)*

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, You Brought Me All the Way*

KENNETH LOUIS

*Jesus, You brought me all the way.
You carry my burdens everyday.
You are such a wonderful Savior, I've never known
You to fail me yet,
Cause You brought me, thank God, all of the way.*

Solo verse 1

*Troubles and trials, they seem to block my way.
Sometimes I find it so difficult to pray.*

*Oh, but there's one thing I can truly say:
That You've brought me, thank God, all the way.*

Solo verse 2

Went to the valley one day pray.

My soul got happy and I stayed there all day.

Oh, but there's one thing I can truly say:

That You've brought me, thank God, all the way.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Nineteen Comes Before Twenty*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN: *I Have Brought You Out of Egypt***

CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE / NETTLETON

"I have brought you out of Egypt," Moses heard the Lord God say.

"I have saved you! I have freed you! people, listen and obey.

Have no other gods before me; don't make idols for yourselves.

I will judge those who reject me; worship me and no one else."

"Do not use the Lord's name wrongly, use God's name for what is good.

Keep the Sabbath; keep it holy; rest and worship as you should.

Honor father, honor mother; do not murder! Honor life!

Do not wander to another from your husband or your wife."

God continued these commandments: "Do not steal another's things;

And you shall not bear false witness — see the anguish that it brings.

Do not seek with bitter longing what you see across the street.

Keep these laws and find within them where my love and justice meet."

God of grace, we see your promise in the covenant you give.

For your law is wise and wondrous as it shows us how to live.

Loving God and loving neighbor, may we follow where you call.

Saved by grace, may we together seek to live your gracious law.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE: *This Is the Day***

** 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 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; 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.

Today is a **Fifth Sunday**, which means that here at Bethany our worship will look a little different. We will be blessed with a little more music, more upbeat music, and a little more informal setting. The service will begin a little differently as the choir and you, the congregation, will participate in our “prelude.” There will be further instructions during the announcements. A special thanks to **Chris Bagley** for his help in putting this service together.

We are thrilled that this morning’s service includes the **Sacrament of Baptism**. Jennifer and Brian Brannock are presenting their daughter **Mattie Margaret Brannock** to be baptized. Mattie is the great-granddaughter of Eleanor Thompson.

This morning we begin a new Summer Sermon Series based on the **Ten Commandments**, entitled: **Game of Stones: Old Words, New Perspectives**. Over the next five weeks (skipping one Sunday when John is away) we will look at these ancient words and hopefully gain a new understanding and new perspective on God’s commandments. Here are the series’ themes and scripture:

- Today: *“Nineteen Comes Before Twenty”* – Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2
- August 5th: *“The First Table – Tuned Into God”* – Exodus 20:3-11
- August 19th: *“The Second Table – Turned Toward Neighbor”* – Exodus 20:12-16
- August 26th: *“The Desires of the Heart: Do Not Covet”* – Exodus 20:17

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) 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
Shirley Lane	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	Levi Byrd	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Betty Boggs	Alex Thomas
Katherine Turner		Susie Hunley

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 / Sacrament of Baptism

Wednesday, the 1st:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 5th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

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