



Bethany Presbyterian Church

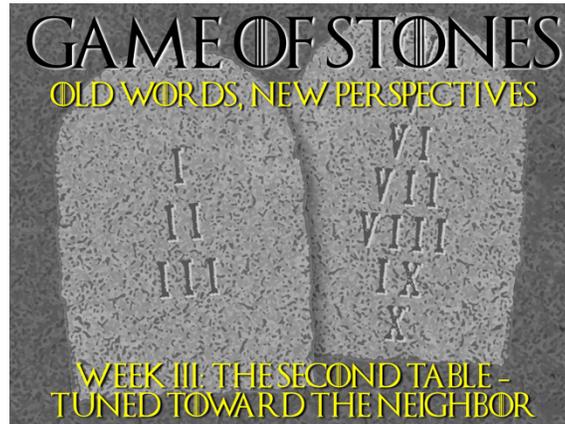
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August 19, 2018 – 11:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



“Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid, because God has come only to test you and to make sure you are always in awe of God so that you don’t sin.”

The people stood at a distance while Moses approached the thick darkness in which God was present.”

Exodus 20:20 (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.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *I Would Be True*

L. EVERSON / J. PEEK

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 #469: *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to God’s house, a place of faith.

From our homes, we come seeking God’s word.

Here we will find nourishment and hope.

May we learn lessons of courage and peace.

Here we will find rest from our struggles

Lord, prepare our hearts to receive your words that we may leave this holy house of faith and return to our homes, encouraged and challenged to be your people. Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN #473:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

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 20:12-16

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 89

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Hear the commandments of God: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before me.

Lord, forgive our idolatry.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, forgive us for chasing lesser gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Lord, forgive our blasphemy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Lord, forgive our forgetfulness.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, forgive us for neglecting our elders.

You shall not murder.

Lord, forgive us for celebrating violence.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, forgive our lustful hearts.

You shall not steal.

Lord, forgive us for oppressing the poor.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord, forgive our lying lips.

You shall not covet.

Lord, forgive our greedy hearts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the good news of Jesus Christ, who forgives us and offers us new life. 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.*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION AND SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

QUESTION OF COMMITMENT

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, those gathered as Bethany Presbyterian Church, promise to embrace Peggy and Harry as fellow travelers, to welcome them into this family of faith with open arms, and to pray for them in this new endeavor?

We do.

PRAYER

WELCOME

*** 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 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.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

B. BOERTJE

*** 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 #426: *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

CANONBURY

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: *How Beautiful*

TWILA PARIS

*How Beautiful the hands that served
The Wine and the Bread and the sons of the earth*

*How beautiful the feet that walked
The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross
How Beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ
How Beautiful the heart that bled
That took all my sin and bore it instead
How beautiful the tender eyes
That choose to forgive and never despise
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ
And as He lay down His life
We offer this sacrifice
That we will live just as He died
Willing to pay the price
Willing to pay the price
How Beautiful the radiant bride
Who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes
How Beautiful when humble hearts give
The fruit of pure lives so that others may live
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ
How beautiful the feet that bring
The sound of good news and the love of the King
How Beautiful the hands that serve
The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth
How Beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***The Second Table – Turned Toward the Neighbor***

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Come, Live in the Light* (see next page)

DAVID HAAS / WE ARE CALLED

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

T. KENDALL

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

749 Come! Live in the Light!

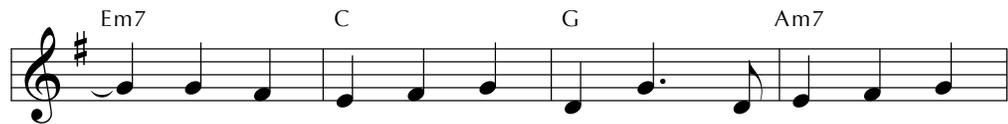
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



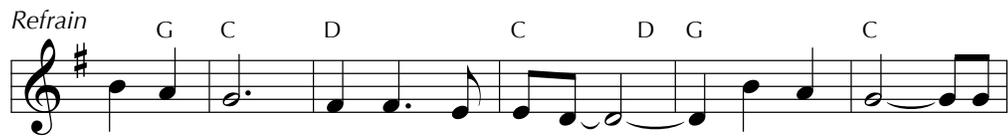
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



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 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



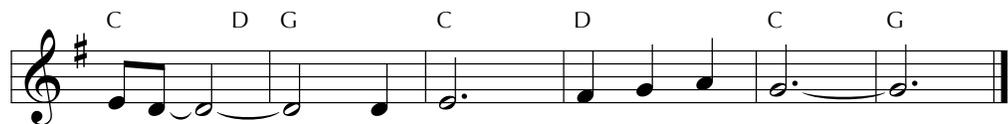
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.



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.

This morning we continue our Summer Sermon Series based on the **Ten Commandments**, entitled: ***Game of Stones: Old Words, New Perspectives***. This series looks at these ancient words and hopefully helps us gain a new understanding and new perspective on God’s commandments. Here are the remaining themes and scripture:

- Today: *“The Second Table – Turned Toward the Neighbor”* – Exodus 20:12-16
- August 26th: *“The Desires of the Heart: Do Not Covet”* – Exodus 20:17

We rejoice that our worship today includes the **Welcome of New Members**. Please extend a warm welcome to **Peggy Burwell and Harry Smith**. Peggy comes by Letter of Transfer from First Baptist Church of Burlington, and Harry by Letter from Swepsonville United Methodist Church. Peggy and Harry will be at the door following worship where you may greet them and welcome them to the Bethany family!

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God, and in honor of **Linda & Bill Abplanalp’s 54th Anniversary!!**

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 have been announcing for a while now about the new church directory project that we are working on, and now have some details. Currently, we are using photos that were taken for the last directory some six or so years ago. If you would like to use those photos, you don't have to do anything. If you would like to update your pictures, you have two opportunities to do so. One of our members, **Salina Russell**, is an accomplished photographer, and has agreed to be available to take photos on **August 19th and September 2nd (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**, either before or after church. She will take both individual and family photographs. These will be used to update our directory, which we hope to publish sometime in September. If you would like to view your current photo on file, you may contact Joy in the church office.

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	Glenn Thompson	Susie Hunley
Joan Richardson		Bill Abplanalp

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)

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship on **next Sunday, August 26th**, for the purpose of acting on the recommendation of the Session in electing a Nominating Committee.

Elders of the Month for August are **Brandon Troxler** and **Glenn Patterson**.

Did you know . . . that the cost of utilities for the church for one week is \$297.31?

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Monday, the 20th:

- 7:00 – Generosity Team

Wednesday, the 22nd:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 26th:

- Directory Pictures made before and after church
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 – Congregational Meeting

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

Karen Maxwell

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