



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



"If your hand causes you to fall into sin, chop it off. It's better for you to enter into life crippled than to go away with two hands into the fire of hell, which can't be put out."

Mark 9:43 (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 #315: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We have walked with you, O God, from many parts of the world to this time and place.

And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to serve all people.

We leave behind our securities; we leave behind our reliance on worldly goods.

And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to live with all people.

We leave behind all which holds us back; we leave behind all which keeps us from following you.

And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to work with all people.

We leave behind the fears which bind us; we leave behind the hurts which damage us.

And we will walk with you, O God, into the peace you offer to all people.

* OPENING HYMN: *Here In This Place (Gather Us In)* (see page 5)

MARTY HAUGEN

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:

MARK 9:38-50

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1229

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Saving God, you are a God who has made it a habit to stick with us through thick and thin. Thank you for calling us your own even in moments when we haven't been the best investment. Help us, in our worship of you this day, to be turned in a direction that pleases you. God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness, ***desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us.***

We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making, ***polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.***

We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence, ***sending missiles instead of pleas for peace, ignoring your commandments.***

Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.

Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation.

Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Touched by the healing hands of our Lord, filled with the grace of our God, led by the compassion of the Holy Spirit, our hearts are opened, and we discover we are forgiven and at peace with God.

Those who are created to love the unlovable; those who are created to bear grace; those who are created to embrace all people: we receive our forgiveness, giving thanks to our God. Amen.

* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

TRADITIONAL

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)
I feel better, so much better, since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)
Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" since I laid my burdens down. (Repeat)

* **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 say what we believe.

We believe in God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.

We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.

We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.

We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.

We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.

We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.
Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices* (see next page for music)

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 #319:** *Spirit*

JAMES K. MANLEY

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: *More Than Enough*

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE CHOIR

Jehovah Jireh

You're my provider

*You're more than enough for me
Jehovah Rapha
You're my healer
By Your stripes
I've been set free*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *The Most Elite Club in the World*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #354:** *Guide My Feet*

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

We Lift Our Voices

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We Are an Offering

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, and chords are indicated above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "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." The chords used are F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, F, C, F, C, C, F, C, F, G7, Em7, Asus A, Dm7, F, G, Esus E, Am, F, C, Bb, Dm, F, C, F, C, F, C, Dm7, C, Dm7, C, C.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer - ing.
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
voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



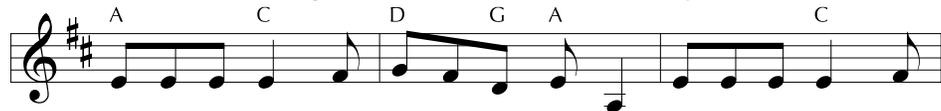
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.



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.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- Office of the General Assembly Worship Resources
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticsonline.com)

Next Sunday, October 7th is **World Communion Sunday**. This is the day we partake of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and remember that we join with sisters and brothers from around the world around the table of our Lord.

Next Sunday, October 7th, also marks the beginning of the **2018 Stewardship Emphasis Season**. As you may have noticed around the church, our theme is **do. love. walk.**, and is based on Micah 6:8. The four Sundays of October will each be centered around this theme: **do. on October 7th, love. on October 14th, and walk. on October 24th**. Our **Consecration Sunday will be on October 28th**, as we welcome our **guest preacher, Rev. Steve Scott**, who currently serves as interim General Presbyter for Salem Presbytery. As we approach this important season of the church, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in response to all that God has given you.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of **Willie Schappacher’s birthday**, by Christel Schappacher and family.

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)

RTSA (Residential Treatment Services) Jewelry Sale, benefitting Women in Recovery – Holly Hill Mall (old American Eagle Location) – **Thursday, September 27th, \$10 VIP Event – 6 pm-8 pm. Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th, 10 am-6 pm.**

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	Joan Richardson	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	Randy Thompson	Susie Hunley
Katherine Bayliff		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)

Elders of the Month for September are **Sandy Cook** and **Ron Osborne**.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship on **next Sunday, October 7th**, for the purpose of hearing and acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee as it brings nominees for the Session, Class of 2021, and filling an unexpired term in the Class of 2020. Nominees for the Class of 2021 are: **Nancy Purcell** (nominated for a second term), **Tracey Troxler**, and **Ben Russell**. Filling the unexpired term in the Class of 2020 is **Randy Cousins**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Tuesday, the 2nd:

- 7:00 – Disciple Bible Study

Wednesday, the 3rd:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 7th:

- Stewardship Emphasis Season I
- World Communion Sunday
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 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

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Sandy Cook

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