



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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November 13, 2022 – 11:00 am

Brass Sunday



"Untitled," Sean Davis

He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Today we will collect and bless our 2023 pledge cards. Although we are worshiping 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! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess, Acorns and Archangels: Resources for Ordinary Time (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2009).

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Morning Has Broken*

ARR. AUSTIN RALPHSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FOLIOTT SANDFORD PIERPONT

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light. **(Refrain)**

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight. **(Refrain)**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild. **(Refrain)**

For Thy Church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love. **(Refrain)**

***OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPEN HANDS," JULIA BROWN

Open hands; to receive, to offer, not clinging or grasping, accepting and passing on.
Open hands; not controlling, but unique and vulnerable, marked with life.
Open hands; holding past and present and future together, with love, with hope.

Let us worship our God.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

"A PRAYER FOR LATE AUTUMN," RUTH BURGESS

Walk with us, God, through sharp frosty days and bright crunchy leaves into winter.
Rest with us by warm firesides and tell us stories into the night.
Take us out at night and show us the stars and fill us with wonder.
Bless us and our families, our friends, and our neighbors with love and with courage.
And never let us forget the stranger who needs to share our wealth, our shelter and our hope.
Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"READING SCRIPTURE," PENNY SEABROOK

O Prophet and Teacher, who proclaimed good news to the poor,
come, teach us your way of reading scripture. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 9:13

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1180

MICAH 1:3-5; 5:2-5A; 6:6-8

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1123-1124;1128;1129

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

THOMAS ARNE/ARR. AUSTIN RALPHSON

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***HYMN OF THE DAY #339:** *Be Thou My Vision*

MARY E. BYRNE/ELEANOR H. HULL

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"SEEING THE WORLD," HOLLY BENZENHAFFER REDFORD

Friends, let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves. Please pray with me.

***We like our way of seeing the world, Holy One. It's familiar to us, but it excludes other perspectives.
We prefer our way of knowing and understanding you, Holy One. It is familiar to us,
but it limits who we accept in our midst. We find comfort in our criticism of governments
and political leaders, Holy One. It is familiar to us, but it is often followed by inaction.
Forgive our complacency.
Forgive our apathy.
Forgive our small-mindedness.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

"MICAH 6:8," RUTH BURGESS

Show love, act justly, walk humbly with God:
enough challenge and adventure
enough wonder and creativity
enough tears and laughter
enough task for a lifetime
enough company and direction, to see us safe home.

Know that you are forgiven, and that you are loved. **Amen.**

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
stay right here with us, fill us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
'till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." **(Refrain)**

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Lift High the Cross (see insert)*

ARR. ROBERT A. HOBBY/MUSIC: SYDNEY H. NICHOLSON

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"What Does the Lord Require?"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PASTORAL PRAYER

"DAILY BREAD," THOM M SHUMAN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

*...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #478:** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him:
Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

***SPOKEN CHARGE**

"BE CHILDREN OF GOD," RUTH BURGESS

Do justice. Be strong. Be generous. Don't ignore those who need you. Don't damage the earth.

Love mercy. Be kind. Be forgiving. Don't bear grudges. Don't withhold love.

Walk humbly with your God. Be attentive. Be obedient. Don't run away from wisdom.
Don't wander off the road.

Love God with all that you have – your mind, your heart, your soul, your dreams, your tears and laughter.

And love your neighbor as yourself. Let your children play together; share your stories and your food.

Be salt. Be light. Be leaven. Be happy.

Be who you are. Be children of God.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Peace Benediction*

DANIEL CRAIG

POSTLUDE: *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling*

HYFRYDOL / ARR. AUSTIN RALPHSON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

We welcome today our guest musicians Paige Butts, Michael Capps (Trumpet), Chrissy Harris, William Harris (Trombone), Brad Landiss (Trumpet), Sam Mearse, Charles Morgan (Trombone), David Palmer (Tuba), Rusty Smith (Trumpet), and Jennifer Wells.

November is Helping Hand Fund month. Throughout the month we will be collecting all loose offering for the Helping Hand Fund.

November 13th – Brass Sunday / Stewardship Sunday

We're getting the (brass) band back together! This will be a celebratory service that will also include the blessing of our pledges.

November 20th – Reign of Christ

Hanging of the greens will immediately follow the service, and all will be invited to stay and participate.

November 27th – December 18th Advent Book Study

Join us for our 2022 Advent Study with *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub. We will meet every Sunday in Advent during the Sunday School hour beginning on November 27th (Advent 1). Books will be available from the office for \$11. Please register online (<https://www.bethanypreschurch.org/advent-devotional-2022.html>) or through the office by the Monday, November 7th to ensure we have a book for you.

Please come prepared to discuss the first chapter on November 27th. They are pretty short and our discussions will be based on the reading. We will meet at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

November 27th – December 18th Advent

Let Joy or me know if you're interested in being a candle lighter or reader in the Advent season

Scouts Looking for Storage Space

Pack and Troop 9 Scouts are looking for a Donor to provide a 1,000 Sq foot storage type building, or warehouse, to store the following Scout Equipment:
2 camping trailers , 1 sailboat (Sailing Merit Badge), 1 demo car (Automotive Merit Badge).
Space needed for security and protection from the weather.
Feel free to contact:

Jeff Benes
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Scouts Annual Popcorn Sale – is still going on through the middle of November. The order form is in the Welcome Center. Please make checks payable to Troop 9.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, November 13th – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Brass Sunday & Stewardship Sunday
11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

Wednesday, November 16th
6:30 – Hand Bell & Choir Practice

Sunday, November 20th – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ
11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

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