

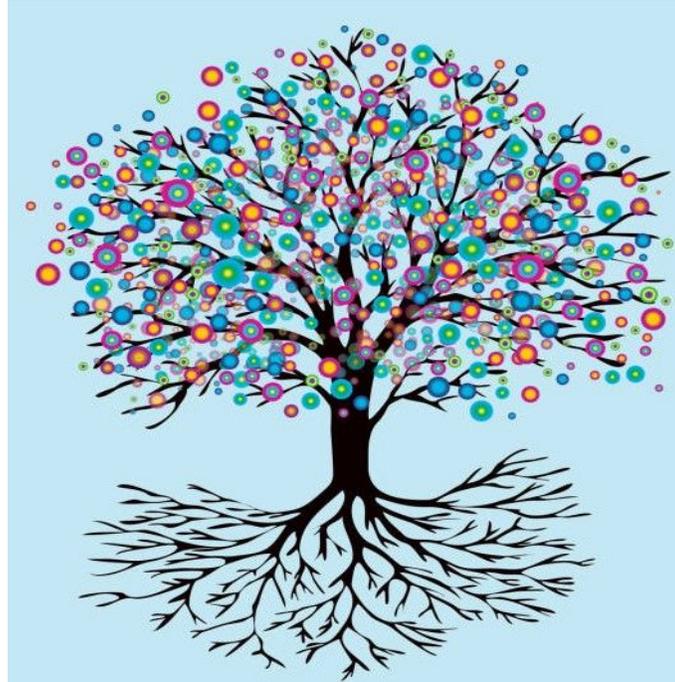


Bethany Presbyterian Church

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The Family Tree

June 7, 2020 – 11:00 *Trinity Sunday, the First Sunday after Pentecost*

"God created humanity in God's own image"

Genesis 1:27 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

By your Spirit, help us to live as sisters and brothers in the body of Christ and the communion of saints, sharing your love and peace with all the world. Amen

(Call to Worship, Volume 53.1: Lectionary Aids)

PRELUDE: *IN TIMES LIKE THESE*

Ruth C. Jones

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.)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void,
dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.

Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life,
call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.

Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin,
Re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.

Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit— who gathered the primeval waters,
**gather us in, then send us out, our voices echoing creation’s song:
How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

*** OPENING HYMN #138: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Dykes/Herber/Green

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

GENESIS 1-2:4A

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

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AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Though God fashioned us in the divine image and declared us very good,
***sin shadows the sacred in each of us. Still, the Spirit moves over us,
among and within us,beckoning us to new life.***

Let us confess the ways we have denied our God-given identities,
and return to the One who created and called us good.

Lord Jesus,

**You send us to make disciples of all nations, but we focus our energies inward
and shy away from sharing the good news in word and deed.**

**You charge us to teach your commandments, but we struggle to obey them
and neglect to model them for others.You assure us of your abiding presence,
but we doubt this promise and disregard your Spirit,
denying the power you give us to do your work.**

Forgive us, Lord, and renew us to be the church you created us to be.

**Wash us with your grace and commission us for service
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD’S GRACE

Do not fear, dear friends. Jesus is among us, offering us new life and hope. Nothing can prevent God’s love for us.
We rejoice, for we have been made new in Christ. Amen.

*** 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:

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Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He 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 confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY : *LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH***

JACKSON/MILLER

Let there be peace on Earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow

To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *The Family Tree*

RICK PURCELL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #438:** *BLEST BE THE TIES THAT BIND*

Nageli

* **SENDING**

May the blessing of the Trinity—
holy, holy, holy Lord—
be with you now and always.

Alleluia!

Isaiah 6:3

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* *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 visitor 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).

Obviously, due to the ongoing health crisis surrounding the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we are not worshipping in person at this point in time, but rather gathering virtually using the Zoom meeting platform. Each week the congregation will be emailed a link by which everyone can join the meeting using their computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet. Rick will lead worship in this manner, and congregants are invited to participate as they are able. For those who are unable to connect via Zoom, we are also hoping to be on Facebook Live as well. We are still trying to work out some glitches in that.

For those unable to get the link via email, it will also be on our Facebook page, and on our website.

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. A **Video Recording** of our Zoom worship will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Resources used in today's worship:

- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources
- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Jack Cook	Peter Slater	Ruby Martin
Joan Richardson	Joey Leake	Shirley Lane
Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell	Ida Whitney
Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore	Katherine Turner
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
Alex Thomas	Katherine Bayliff and Family	Robert Sykes
Randy Thompson	Glenn Thompson	Ritchie Fishburne
Frederica Beatty	Carol Brooks	Janie Holt Clapp
Christopher Bagley	Lou Crutchfield	Jean Payne

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

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. (Classes will resume when we return to having church in person!)

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.

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: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for June are **Helen Brown** and **Randy Cousins**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

Wednesday, the 27th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, the 14th:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

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