



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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## *Father's Day*

June 21, 2020 – 11:00, *the Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*“Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.*

Matthew 10:24-39 (CEB)

### **GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

#### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

*O God, I praise you as I arise this morning. You are the giver of all life and you provide for what you have made.  
Be with my spirit this day and teach me to be thankful for all that you offer.*

#### **PRELUDE: *MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE***

W.R. Featherston

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives.

**For you are good and forgiving, and abounding in steadfast love.**

In heaven, on earth, there is none like you. Your works are beyond compare.

**For you are great; you work wonders.**

**You alone are God.**

**\* OPENING HYMN: *FAITH OF OUR FATHERS***

Faith of our fathers, living still  
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Our fathers, chained in prisons dark,  
Were still in heart and conscience free;  
And blest would be their children's fate,  
If they, like them should die for thee:  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God  
Mankind shall then indeed be free.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.  
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death!

**OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL**

**A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy, Holy, Holy One, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak,  
and to give all glory, honor, and praise to your threefold name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE**

**MATTHEW 10:24-38**

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

***Thanks be to God.***

## AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Confident that we are promised newness of life through repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and to one another, confessing our sin.

**Hear our cries to you, O Lord:**

**for our lack of compassion toward the poor,**

**have mercy on us;**

**for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth,**

**have mercy on us;**

**for our disbelief in your power to make us whole,**

**have mercy on us;**

**for making war,**

**have mercy on us;**

**for mistrusting your Word,**

**have mercy on us;**

**for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and renew us.**

**Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.**

## AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

Hear the good news of God's love: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.)*

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

### \* 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:

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.**

**His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.**

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33*

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

Because we need not fear tomorrow we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions to the work of the church.

Do not be afraid for your well-being

Give generously in the name of the One who gave everything for us.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY #345: *DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND***

F.C. Maker

**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: *Fathers Day***

RICK PURCELL, CLP

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

**\* CLOSING HYMN #293: *THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD***

F.L. SHEPPARD

**\* SENDING**

As you leave this place, leave fear behind,  
leave with a glad heart, leave with conviction that all people you meet  
in the coming days are beloved of God as you are, also.  
Rejoice and give thanks.

**\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Now may the Lord bless you, guide you, hold you, guard you,  
and make you bold to live a life of trust and deep joy.  
Go in peace.

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



## ***Our Faith Community @ Work***

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

**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](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://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. John 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](http://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](http://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  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Alex Thomas  
Randy Thompson  
Frederica Beatty  
Christopher Bagley

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Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Donna Mitchell-Ayers  
Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Katherine Bayliff and Family  
Glenn Thompson  
Carol Brooks  
Lou Crutchfield

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Mike Sutton  
Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Robert Sykes  
Ritchie Fishburne  
Janie Holt Clapp  
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 24<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

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### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Karen Maxwell

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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Chip Allen

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*Elder Emeritus: Don Boggs*

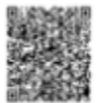
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