



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Cold Water

June 28, 2020 – 11:00, *the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

“I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded.”

Matthew 10:42 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I awake this day in expectation and thanks and ask to receive the opportunity to share your hospitality with all whom I meet. May I welcome you in serving others and grow ever deeper in holiness and right relationship. This is my prayer; this is my hope. Amen.

PRELUDE: *MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*

W.R. Featherston

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God calls us by name

into the presence of holiness as God's holy people.

We answer this call

by the grace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit

in the name of God's own son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Come, let us worship God.

*** OPENING HYMN: #306 FAIREST LORD JESUS**

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Terrifying Word, life-changing Word, sanctifying Word,
come to us as ones who crave water in the desert. Grant that we may hear and respond to you,
yes, in fear and trembling, and also in rejoicing, through the Lamb that was slaughtered,
Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, is worshiped and glorified by all your saints,
now and forever. **Amen.**

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 10:40-42

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone..

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1182

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving-kindness endures forever.

O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,

but we have not lived in right relationship

or walked in the light of your love.

Forgive us for the wrongs we have done;

we know that the wages of sin is death.

Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness,

which is freedom and life in Christ. Amen.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.

Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God.

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

Jesus said, Truly I tell you, those who offer a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple will not lose their reward.

Beloved, let us offer to God the gifts of our lives and labor.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Faithful God, we give you thanks that you have entrusted us with the gift of hospitality and generosity, and that you have set us free to be generous givers of the gifts you so freely give to us.

May our offerings this day draw us closer to you as we share them with others for righteousness' sake. Amen.

*** HYMN OF THE DAY: *IN THE GARDEN***

C. Austin Milesr

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain:
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

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: *Cold Water*

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**

Sister and brothers, you have been given the spirit of freedom
and saved for the sake of God's love. Freely share that love in the world,
knowing that the reward of right relationship is holiness and life eternal.

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

May the One who creates, redeems,
and sustains you from everlasting to everlasting
grant you the grace of peace, holiness, and eternal life.

* *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; 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. 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. 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)
- *Homiletics Online* website (homileticonline.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

Diane Miller
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 24th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, the 28th:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

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Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

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