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Baptism of the Lord



*"I, the Lord, have called you for a good reason. I will grasp your hand and guard you,
and give you as a covenant to the people, as a light to the nations,
to open blind eyes, to lead the prisoners from prison, and those who sit in darkness from the dungeon."
Isaiah 42:6-7 (CEB)*

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The business world knows the value of a mission statement. But now, people are beginning to understand that a personal mission statement can provide clarity and focus for one's life. In Isaiah, we are given a glimpse of the mission for the Suffering Servant, a mission picked up by Jesus, and forwarded to his disciples — and to us! (From Homiletics Online for January 12, 2020)

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *The Lily of the Valley*

M. BARTLETT

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 HYMN: *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

PAUL BALOCHE

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you; (Repeat)*

to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

*Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, some of us are discouraged and long for your embrace.

Wash us with your love.

Some of us are weary, weighed down by the desperation of this world.

Wash us with your hope.

Some of us are anxious and seek refuge from chaotic lives.

Wash us with your peace.

Some of us are restless, yearning for renewal or transformation.

Wash us with your grace.

However we come into your presence, pour out your Spirit upon us.

Let us come to the waters of baptism. Let us worship God!

*** OPENING HYMN #461: *God Is Here!***

ABBOT'S LEIGH

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

ISAIAH 42:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 863

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

The voice of the Lord that thundered over primeval waters to call forth life echoes over these waters, calling us to repentance, calling us to righteousness, calling us to new life. Heeding the voice that called us into being, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

God of grace, You claim us as beloved children and call us to follow you, but we do not always live out this calling. We stifle the gifts you have given us rather than using them for your glory. We sidestep opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We pretend we can do nothing to further justice in our world and shy away from taking risks for the sake of the gospel. Forgive us, Lord.

Wash us again in the waters of baptism and transform us by your grace, so that our words may further righteousness and our deeds be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

As the voice from heaven spoke when Jesus emerged from Jordan's waters, so God speaks to us: *"This is my child, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."* Sisters and brothers in Christ, the God who claims us in the waters of baptism upholds us, delights in us, forgives us.

Glory be to the God of grace! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355: *Hear the Good News of Salvation***

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus Christ died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PRESENTATION OF ELDERS-ELECT

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us say what we believe. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious and eternal God . . . By your Holy Spirit renew us, that we may be empowered to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

Amen.

Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Bill, Helen, and Tina as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Peace Like a River*

*** A DOXOLOGY #591:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

*Praise Holy Spirit ever more;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

HYMN OF THE DAY #492: *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

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

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Even in the Valley*

R. PECK

*High upon this mountain the sun is shining bright.
My heart is filled with gladness here above the care of life,
But I've just come through the valley of trouble, fear, and pain.
It was there I came to know my God enough to stand and say,
Even in the valley God is good.
Even in the valley He is faithful and true.
He carries His children through like He said He would,
Even in the valley God is good.
This road of life has led you to a valley of defeat.
You wonder if the Father has heard your desperate plea,
But there is hope in the rugged place where tears of sorrow dwell.
Can't you hear Him gently whispering, "I'm here and all is well."*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *What Is Your Why?*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN:** *Jesus Calls Us* (see next page)

GALILEE

*** SENDING**

Baptized, let us go to live in faith.
We will bring healing to the broken and offer God's joy to those who grieve.
Baptized, let us go to serve.
At the side of Jesus, we will serve the hungry, we will give shelter to the homeless.
Baptized, let us go to be a voice.
We will echo the Spirit of calling for peace, we will never stop speaking against injustice.
Baptized, let us go to do what is right.
Finding you, God of all people, waiting for us to join you beside all your beloved children.

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION / T. BIRCHWOOD

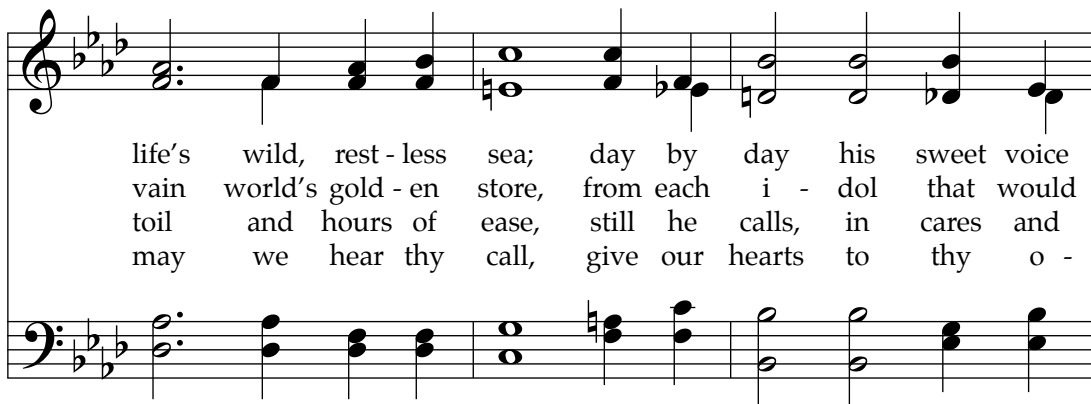
** Please stand in body or spirit.*

Jesus Calls Us

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1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -



sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



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.

“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 **Brandon Troxler**. 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 today’s worship:

- *The Text this Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- *Call to Worship* resources from the PCUSA.

Our service this morning includes the liturgy for the **Installation of Officers**, as we install **Bill Abplanalp, Helen Brown, and Tina Patterson** to active service on the Session.

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: 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

Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Shannon Russell
Mary Moore
Barbara Cousins

John & Ann Sutton
Ruby Martin
Shirley Lane
Ida Whitney
Katherine Turner
Jeremy Harden

Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Katherine Bayliff
Randy Thompson
Frederica Beatty

Pat Kennedy
Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Pete Campbell
Ben Johnson
Alex Thomas
Glenn Thompson
Carol Brooks
Robert Sykes

Anne McDaniels
Mike Sutton
Steward Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Family of Foy Bayliff
Ritchie Fishburne
Janie Holt Clapp

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.

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 January are **Nancy Purcell** and **Helen Brown**.

The Session will gather for its monthly stated meeting this **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00** here at the church.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / including the Installation of Officers

Tuesday, the 14th:

- 7:00 - Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 15th:

- 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 19th:

- 9:45 - Sunday school for all ages
- 11:00 - Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Karen Maxwell

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

Class of 2020:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Karen Maxwell

Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

Helen Brown

Tina Patterson

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