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Sant' Apollinare Nuovo (Ravenna)
Author Unknown

“Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.”

John 5:8-9 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. We affirm that God is present in our virtual worship. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Portions of our liturgy today are taken from Ruth Burgess, Winter, (Wild Goose: Iona, 2016).

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

EDWARD BROUGHTON (BASED ON HIDING PLACE)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord called out: Whom shall I send?
I answered: Here I am; send me.

Isa. 6:8

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)
Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Holy One, giver of all light,
lift up our hearts and minds to Christ,
the morning star that never fades.
By the light of the Holy Spirit
reveal to us your saving Word
and lead us to offer our lives to you
in service and in love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 40:1-5
JOHN 4:46-54
JOHN 5:1-18

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 694

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The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

God judges the nations with righteousness, and answers the poor with justice.
Trusting in God's grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves.

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

* RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

* A Doxology #428: *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

William W. How

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN OF THE DAY #329: *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

MARY LATHBURY

Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
Now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *There is a Balm in Gilead*

Piano Solo

TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL/ARR. BY FRED BOCK

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Seeing the Signs"*

REV. PHILLIPS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor...
...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...
...With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Glorious God, pour your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine...
...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. We pray this and all things in the name of the One who taught us to pray in the language most familiar to us, 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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving and gracious God, from east and west, from north and south, you have gathered us at your table, called us your beloved, and fed us from your body. Transform us to be your body in the world, and fortify us by your Spirit, so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. *Amen.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #538:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

JOHN FAWCETT

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing;
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us,
Traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, Ever faithful
To the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us,
Glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, May we ever
Reign with Thee in endless day.

* **CLOSING RESPONSES**

God's blessing be ours:
a blessing of loving kindness,
a blessing of hope and courage,
a blessing of listening and love.
God's blessing be ours
always. Amen.

RUTH BURGESS, "GOD'S BLESSING BE OURS"

* **POSTLUDE:** *Psalms XX*

GORDON YOUNG

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

(Hymn of the Day Story)

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Mary Lathbury

The hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," came out of the Chautauqua Movement of the late 1800s. While the Chautauqua Institution still enrolls some 8,000 students a year in various summer courses, most people know little or nothing about it. That was hardly the case in its heyday. Theodore Roosevelt called it "the most American thing in America." During World War I, Woodrow Wilson deemed it an "integral part of the national defense."

The Chautauqua Movement was founded in 1874 on the shores of Chautauqua Lake in New York State by a Methodist layman, Lewis Miller, and a Methodist pastor (later bishop), John Vincent. Known originally as the Chautauqua Lake Sunday School Assembly, it was intended to be a summer training program for Sunday school teachers, but quickly expanded to include a wide variety of classes and entertainments — even Broadway plays, operas, and (gasp!) movies.

Mary Lathbury, a commercial artist, enjoyed visiting Chautauqua during the summer. John Vincent asked her to write a hymn to be sung at Chautauqua Bible studies. While “Break Thou the Bread of Life” is often used as a communion hymn today, Mary wrote it originally to honor Jesus as the “bread of life” and the “living Word” of God (verse 1). It is a fitting accompaniment to Bible studies, because it prays that we will be able to move “beyond the sacred page” — meaning the Bible — to the “living Word” — Christ himself. It prays for Christ’s blessing (verse 2) so that we might be freed from everything that would bind us so that we might find peace. Even though this hymn was written more than a century ago, the peace to which it aspired is a peace that we still need today.

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Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Helen Brown and Karen Maxwell)

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).

“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.**

A Note About the Offering: As we are temporarily worshipping online only during this time, you are invited to make your contribution in one of two ways: mail it in to the church, or use our quick and secure online giving platform. This can be accessed through our website, or by scanning the QR code on the last page of this bulletin. Thanks for your generosity and cooperation.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tina Patterson and Kim Snyder)

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

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Linda Abplanalp

Barbara Cousins

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Randy Thompson

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TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Tracey Troxler and Shelby Smith)

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) - NOT CURRENTLY MEETING DUE TO COVID

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, Randy Cousins, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for February are **Karen Maxwell** and **Shelby Smith**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Helen & Glenn Byrd – February 28th

- Bobby Peele – February 7th
- Kayla Donley – February 8th
- Laura Mitchell-Ayers – February 16th
- Joyce Peele – February 18th
- Rick Purcell – February 21st

Liturgist

February 6 th	Chip Allen
February 13 th	
February 20 th	Helen Brown
February 13 th	Linda Abplanalp

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (Live Stream)

Wednesday, February 9th :

- 6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, February 13th :

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (will return soon)
- 11:00 – Worship (Live Stream)

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Session

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