



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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February 13, 2022 – 11:00 am

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



Robert Couse-Baker, "Staff of Life"

*"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

John 6:35 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. 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 this morning are taken from The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Productions, 2017).

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Praise to the Lord*

EDWARD BROUGHTON/TUNE: LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of this life itself.

The purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

the hand of God between us and each hand;

the pain of Christ between us and each pain,

the love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;

bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 34:1-10

JOHN 6:35-59

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 688

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1298

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence tell the truth about ourselves, confessing our failings and acknowledging our part in the pain of the world.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

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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 #370:** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT

Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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: *Give Us This Day*

Soloist – Sylvester Allen

EDDIE HAWKINS/ARR. STEPHEN KEY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Our Daily Bread"*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN #281: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

WILLIAM WILLIAMS

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

* CLOSING RESPONSES

This is the day that God has made; ***we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

We will not offer to God ***offerings that cost us nothing.***

Go in peace to love and to serve; ***we will seek peace and pursue it.***

In the name of the Trinity of Love, ***God in community, holy and one.***

Thanks be to God.

* POSTLUDE: *The Power and the Glory*

LANI SMITH

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hymn Story for: *Just as I Am*

“Just As I Am” is one of the few hymns for which we know not only the author’s story but also the exact circumstances in which it was written. Charlotte Elliott of Brighton, England (1789–1871) was either born, or in early life had become, an invalid. Her life was a testimony to patient endurance in suffering, not only physical, but also emotional and spiritual. This was the context in which she wrote the hymn, as her nephew the Rev. Handley C. G. Moule recounted it in 1897:

But ill health still beset her . . . it often caused her the peculiar pain of a seeming uselessness in her life while the circle around her was full of unresting service-ability for God. Such a time of trial marked the year 1834, when she was forty-five years old, and living in Westfield Lodge, Brighton. . . .

Her brother, the Rev. H. V. Elliott, had not long before conceived the plan of St. Mary’s Hall, at Brighton — a school designed to give, at nominal cost, a high education to the daughters of clergymen. . . . In aid of St. Mary’s Hall there was to be held a bazaar . . . Westfield Lodge was all astir; every member of the large circle was occupied morning and night in the preparations, with the one exception of the ailing sister Charlotte — as full of eager interest as any of them, but physically fit for nothing.

The night before the bazaar she was kept wakeful by distressing thoughts of her apparent uselessness; and these thoughts passed — by a transition easy to imagine — into a spiritual conflict, till she questioned the reality of her whole spiritual life, and wondered whether it were anything better than an illusion of the emotions, an illusion ready to be sorrowfully dissolved.

The next day, the busy day of the bazaar, she lay upon her sofa. . . . The troubles of the night came back upon her with such force that she felt they must be met and conquered in the grace of God. She gathered up in her soul the great certainties, not of her emotions, but of her salvation: her Lord, his power, his promise. And taking pen and paper from the table she deliberately set down in writing, for her own comfort, ‘the formula of her faith.’

Hers was a heart which always tended to express its depths in verse. So in verse she restated to herself the gospel of pardon, peace, and heaven.

(Quoted from Louis Benson, *Studies of Familiar Hymns, Second Series*, 201-202)

Within a matter of years Ms. Elliott had the hymn published in *The Invalid’s Hymn Book*, and from there it spread and gained in popularity.



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.

Bethany Members

Linda Abplanalp
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Shelvia Russell

Christopher Bagley
Sylvia Donley
Ruby Martin
Mike Sutton
Ida Whitney

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Henry Flythe
Joyce & Norman Mize
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Jack Cook
Grace Johnson
Anne McDaniels
Shannon Russell
Ann Sutton
Randy Thompson
Cindy Uzzo
Don Burenhiede

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	Karen Maxwell
February 20 th	Helen Brown
February 27 th	Linda Abplanalp

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

Wednesday, February 16th:

- 6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, February 20th :

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship (In-person and Live Stream)

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Session

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