



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

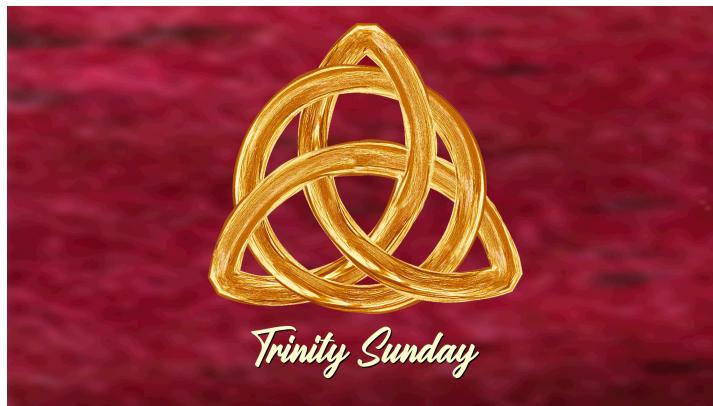
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May 30, 2021 – 11:00 am

*Trinity Sunday*



*"But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him."*

Romans 8:17 (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.

### TRINITY CHIMES

#### PRELUDE: *God Will Take Care of You*

CHARITY BOYLES / W. STILLMAN MARTIN

### 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 a socially-distanced peace of Christ with your neighbor.)*

#### \* GATHERING SONG #564: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

*O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!*

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!*

*America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!*

*O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!*

*America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!*

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship the Lord in holy splendor!

**In God we live and move and have our being.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty!

**Let us open our hearts to listen.**

May the Lord give strength to the people!

**May the Holy Three-in-One bless the earth with peace! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. Let us worship our Triune God!**

#### \* OPENING HYMN #138: *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.*

*Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

#### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**ROMANS 8:12-17**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1237

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world.

**Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth**

The doctrine of the Trinity is a mystery, yet we believe that God is our creator, redeemer and sustainer. With humility, faith and hope, we confess the things we have done and left undone as well as the shortcomings and injustices in our society and world.

**Holy Triune God, you so loved the world, continue to love the world and will always love the world. Forgive us for our abuse of your created order and its intended harmony. Forgive us for our violence against our fellow creatures, including those made in your image. Forgive us for our indifference and cynicism, and our callousness. Cast out our fear with the faith that you can do all things, and renew a right spirit within us.**

#### AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

#### AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the good news: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we are forgiven. Amen.**

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

NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus 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.

## \* SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

As the people of God gathered in these places, 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. 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.**

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

### \* A DOXOLOGY: We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives;  
they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering; we are an offering.

### \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \* HYMN OF THE DAY #139: Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise: Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

## 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:

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *Children and Heirs*

REV. JOHNSON

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

### \* CLOSING HYMN #485: *To God Be the Glory*

CROSBY / DOANE

*To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain:*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!  
Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

### \* SENDING

God our Life sends us out in these moments.

**We will go to bind ourselves to those who hunger, to those who search for a home.**

God our Hope sends us out in these moments.

**We will go to bind ourselves to those who live in the shadows, to those who long for companionship.**

God our Peace sends us out in these moments.

**We will go to bind ourselves to those who are forgotten, to embrace those who are pushed aside by hate and anger.**

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE: *Go Tell the World*

ROBERT HOWELL

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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](https://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.**

**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 **Live Stream** and a **Video Recording** of our Live Stream are available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Resources used in today's worship:

- *Ministry Matters* online resource ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *Presbyterian Outlook* Liturgical Resources
- *The Text This Week* website ([www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com))

We rejoice that we can now worship together in our beautiful sanctuary! Here are some guidelines to follow to ensure the health and safety of our congregation:

- **Masks must be worn at all times.**
- Please do not sit in any pews that have been blocked off. This is to make sure that social-distancing guidelines are being followed.
- Bulletins are available at the doors. They will not be distributed but you may pick one up as you wish.
- The offering will not be collected but offering plates are available in the narthex. You may place your offering in the plates on your way out, or you may follow the QR code below to give online.
- Please refrain from physical interaction during our "meet and greet" time. Waves and virtual hugs are our new normal - at least for awhile!
- Although we normally encourage singing hymns with gusto, that might not be the wisest thing to do right now. Either sing softly through your mask, or hum.
- John will be at the door to greet following the service, but will not shake hands or hug . . . just an elbow bump and the knowledge that he's smiling beneath the mask!

**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  
Shannon Russell  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Alex Thomas

Diane Miller  
Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Ida Whitney  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Mike Sutton  
Ben Johnson

Stewart Dillard  
Shelia Russell  
Carol Brooks  
Janie Holt Clapp

Norma Proctor  
Christopher Bagley  
Randy Thompson  
Glenn Harden  
Linda Abplanalp

Grace Johnson  
Frank Wrenn  
Sylvia Donley  
Joyce & Norman Mize

**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)

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 May are **Helen Brown** and **Ben Russell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages (as scheduled)
- 11:00 – Worship

Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>:

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- 11:00 – Worship

### Session

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

**Clerk:** Randy Cousins

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

### Class of 2021:

Nancy Purcell

Ben Russell

Tracey Troxler

### Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

Helen Brown

Tina Patterson

### Class of 2023:

Chip Allen

Randy Cousins

Shelby Smith

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