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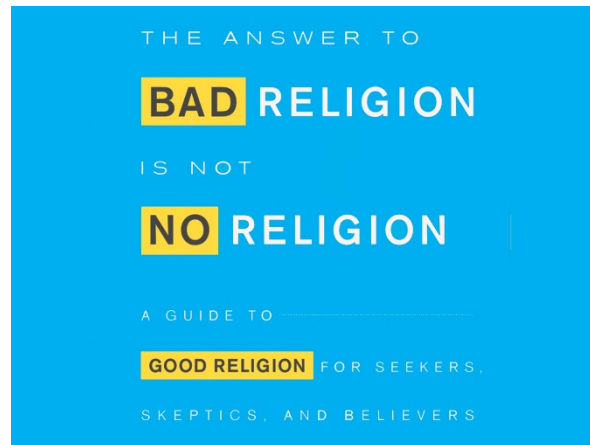
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Third Sunday after Pentecost



*“They continued to question him, so he stood up and replied,
‘Whoever hasn’t sinned should throw the first stone.’ Bending down again, he wrote on the ground.”
John 8:7-8 (CEB)*

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

The Great commandment begins by saying, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). The first point of the Great Commandment is to love God. This doesn’t just refer to emotional love, although that element of faith is certainly appropriate. During worship or prayer, people often have feelings of emotive love for God.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Thais*

VICTOR LI, VIOLIN

J. MASSENET

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 SONG #293:** *This Is My Father’s World*

TERRA BEATA

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Let us love the Lord with all our heart and all our soul.

Hear, O church; the Lord our God, the Lord is One.
Let us love the Lord with all our mind and all our strength.
Hear, O World; the Lord our God, the Lord is One.
Let us love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN #483:** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!
We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE: JOHN 8:3-11

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.
Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1301

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Stones grow heavy in our hands as we stand eager to judge others. Our knees grow bloody as we beg for mercy.
Lord, we have been those in the circle, ridiculing the speck in another's eye, hoping no one will see the log in our own. We have been in the middle, feeling the sting of others' judgment. Through it all, we see you, the one worthy judge, extending your hand of mercy to all.

Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife.

How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a "puppet master" but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits.
God is with us. Praise be to God. Amen.

* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:** *You Are My Strength When I Am Weak*

*You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all.
When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!*

DENNIS JERNIGAN

* 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 confess our faith. 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

OFFERTORY: *How Majestic is Your Name*

M. SMITH

VICTOR LI, VIOLIN

*** THE DOXOLOGY:**

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #357:** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

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

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

P. A. SCHNECKER / R. PALMER

VICTOR LI, VIOLIN

*My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine!*

*May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee, pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul! Amen.*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *The Answer to Judgment is Love*

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

*** CLOSING HYMN #369:** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'M GONNA LIVE

*** CHARGE AND BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE:** *Ever In the Faith*

E. BROUGHTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest 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 can be in touch.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Rick Purcell**. 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 this morning’s worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- Resources provided through Sermon Series materials

This morning marks the second Sunday of our **Summer Sermon Series: *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion: A Guide to Good Religion for Seekers***. Here is the schedule for the remainder of this unique series:

- Today: *The Answer to Judgment is Love*
- June 17th: *The Answer to Negativity is Hope*
- June 24th: *The Answer to Arrogance is Openness*
- July 8th: *The Answer to Division is Community*
- July 15th: *The Answer to Passivity is Passion*

We are pleased to welcome back to Bethany this morning, our guest violinist, **Victor Li**.

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: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

Don't miss the first event of our **Summer Movie Series, THIS EVENING at 6:30** in the Fellowship Hall. Our first movie will be the 1992 hit **Leap of Faith**, starring Steve Martin, Debra Winger, and Liam Neeson. We recommend bringing lawn chairs or whatever you choose, as the chairs in the Fellowship Hall are not very comfortable. There will be popcorn and drinks, so come join the fun!

We are in the process of putting together a new in-house **Pictorial Directory**. We are using photographs from the previous directory, unless you indicate otherwise. To view the picture we have on file for you, you may come by the church office and Joy will show it to you, or call Joy and she will send it to you electronically. To submit a new photo, send it to Joy (office@bethanypreschurch.org) or bring a print by so it can be scanned.

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Family of Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Levi Byrd	Diane Bullis
Betty Boggs		Susie Hunley

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

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: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

The **Session** will meet for its regular monthly stated meeting **this Tuesday, the 12th at 7:00 pm.**

Elders of the Month for June are **A. J. Campbell** and **Jean Payne.**

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 6:30 – Summer Movie Series: *Leap of Faith*

Tuesday, the 12th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 13th:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Sunday, the 17th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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