



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



“Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, ‘Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.’

They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped.”

Mark 4:35-37 (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: *Fatherhood*

PETER BURKHARDT

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:** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;

let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

(Repeat)

GERON DAVIS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place to worship our God:

Calm Presence in our times of confusion, Comforter in our nights of struggle.

We gather with fellow pilgrims, as we seek to follow Jesus:

Brother to those swamped by fears, Friend to all overwhelmed by loss.

We are brought together by the Spirit who lives in the depths of our souls:

the Serenity who travels with us on this up-and-down journey we call life.

* **OPENING HYMN #464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

MARK 4:35-41

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1220

Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

You lay the foundations of the universe, building a shelter for our battered souls; you create wonders which are priceless, yet you always remember the needy. We open our hearts to you.

When evening comes and fears prowl the shadows of our days, you whisper, 'Peace! Be still!' to our hammering hearts, so we know that you are always with us. We open our hearts to you.

Doubts and despair may swamp our lives, but you calm us with a word; illness and death struggle to control our futures, but you comfort us with peace. We open our hearts to you.

We open our hearts to you, now and forever, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we pray.

We let fears control us, we let doubt become the way of life for us. If we but look, we will see our lives, and our world, cradled in God's loving hands. Let us confess our lack of faith, even as we trust the One who has promised to listen to our words, as well as our hearts.

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

With calming words, with a peaceful Spirit, with overflowing love and hope, our God forgives us and fills us with faith.

Our God affirms us for who we are - those whose brokenness is made whole, whose sin is forgiven, whose lives overflow with faith. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #579:** *Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

* 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:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

* **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *When Peace Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul)*

VILLE DU HAVRE

*When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Refrain:

*It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
it is well; it is well with my soul.*

*Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ hath regarded
my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)*

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought.

My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

*Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul. (Refrain)*

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: ***Stormy Weather***

REV. JOHNSON

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN #361: *How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."*

* SENDING

Go now into a world beset by storms of worries and fears.

Let us go to the far side of despair, bringing God's hope to all huddled on that shore.

Go now into all the places where people are afraid.

Let us set out from the shore of our comfortable lives, bringing the good news of Jesus' grace to all.

Go now to the distant shores torn apart by violence and oppression.

Let us set out with the Spirit as our guide, crying out to all, "Peace! Be still!"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *High Praise*

RACHEL SAWYER

* *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; 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.**

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. 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:

- *Presbyterian Outlook* Liturgical Resources
- *Feasting on the Word* Commentary
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

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
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Anne McDaniels
Alex Thomas
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Eleanor Thompson
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Randy Thompson
Glenn Harden

John & Ann Sutton
Ruby Martin
Teresa Wilborn
Tiffany Tauchren
Barbara Cousins
Pat Kennedy
Mike Sutton
Ben Johnson
Grace Johnson
Frank Wrenn
Sylvia Donley
Joyce & Norman Mize
Betty Boggs

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 June are **Bill Abplanalp** and **Nancy Purcell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

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

Sunday, the 27th:

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- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Randy Cousins

Treasurer: Glenn Patterson

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Nancy Purcell

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Class of 2022:

Bill Abplanalp

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