



Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



TRIPS

“He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.”

Mark 6:7-9 (NRSV)

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: *Arabesque*

STEVEN SCOTT

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 #561:** *My Country 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

*My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountainside, Let freedom ring!
My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song; Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.
Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing; Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.

You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:

Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.

You guide us to those who are looking for you:

Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.

*** OPENING HYMN #343: *Called as Partners in Christ's Service***

BEECHER

*Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.*

*May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.*

*Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.*

*Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.*

*Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.*

*Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.*

*So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.*

*Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

MARK 6:1-13

This is the Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1222

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

Holy Creator, we have refused to give our neighbors the honor they deserve.

We have rejected others, as Jesus was rejected before us.

Status drives us. Gossip lures us.

Reputations gain more traction than the entirety of the person in front of us.

We choose chaos over kindness, and disconnection over spiritual bonds.

May our hearts repent, returning to your voice.

May our souls reconnect, returning to our neighbor.

May our minds renew, returning to the ones you created us to be.

May your grace abound. Amen.

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AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Sisters and brothers, God's grace and mercy are never ending.
Your sins are forgiven, therefore be at peace.

* 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

FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

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.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

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

OLD HUNDREDETH

*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: *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.*

Refrain:

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!*

*I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (Refrain)*

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN #420:** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

* **SENDING**

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us courage like you gave the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace
in every circumstance of life,
in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

- From Book of Common Worship (2018), pg. 365

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

Go with Us, Lord 748

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it strong and true our lives may be our gift to you." The score ends with a double bar line.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE:** *Firm in the Faith I Stand*

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

DAVID PAXTON



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
- *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

In John’s absence this morning we are pleased to welcome **Rev. Barbara Styers** to the pulpit.

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
Stewart Dillard
Shelvia Russell
Carol Brooks
Janie Holt Clapp
Linda Abplanalp

Diane Miller
Peter Slater
Joey Leake
Ida Whitney
Jean Berry
Christy Lutterloh
Eleanor Thompson
Nancy Sutton
Norma Proctor
Christopher Bagley
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) - 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, 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 / Rev. Barbara Styers, preaching

Sunday, the 11th:

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

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