



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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July 9, 2023 – 11:00 am



"Angel's Rest, Western Gorge, Oregon"

"Rest"

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. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Presbyterian Outlook- Order of Worship, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Simple Blessings*

CHARITY BOYLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #139:** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ANONYMOUS

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,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
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,
The highest praises be,
Hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

***OPENING SENTENCES**

In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

As we worship, we remember,

that we are the family of faith together!

***GATHERING PRAYER**

In times of weakness and hour of need,
yours is the strength by which we carry on,
the shoulder we rest our head upon.
When our load is heavy and too much to bear,
yours are the arms stretched out to help us
the grace that we depend on.
In times of weakness and hour of need,
your voice is heard,
'Come... find rest.'
This is grace divine,

JOHN BIRCH

the path we tread to wholeness
of body and spirit,
the path that leads to you,
and for which we offer our offering of praise. **Amen**

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. **Amen.**

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

ROMANS 7:15-25A

PEW BIBLE, 1376

MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

PEW BIBLE, 1183,1184

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

WILLIAM WALSHAM 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.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY #387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
Eith Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. Amen

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

I proclaim to you in the name of our relational, Triune God that:
You are enough.
You are forgiven.
You are loved.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: *Spirit of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Instead of Me*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Rest"*

RICK PURCELL, CRE

*CLOSING HYMN #540: *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

JEREMIAH EAMES RANKIN

God be with you till we meet again;
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you;
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Strike death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

***SENDING**

May you be strengthened for the week ahead by the joy we have shared this day.
May the words of hope resonate the whole weeklong.
May you live for the glory of God.
And may the triune God surround us with love and care our whole lives long. **Amen**

CHORAL BENEDICTION: *Shalom to You*

ELISE S. ESLINGER

Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your Shalom, Christ be your Shalom.

POSTLUDE: *O Worship the King*

FRANKLIN RITTER/TUNE: LYONS

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

July 15 Neighbor Days – Vacation Bible School

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood for a one day Vacation Bible School for all ages! We have programming in the spirit of our favorite Presbyterian pastor, Fred "Mr." Rogers. Come join us (and Daniel Tiger too!) for a fun day of learning and playing together. Kids will spend time singing, making crafts, and learning how to be a good neighbor. Adults have an opportunity to study neighbor and neighboring in the Bible. Parents may choose to either spend the day, or part of the day with their kids or in the adult class.

All are welcome. Please register online at www.bethanypreschurch.org/neighbor-days-2023.html

July 16 Neighbor Days - Worship

We will continue our Neighbor Day celebration with a worship service in the spirit of Mr. Rogers. Let's worship our God and celebrate and serve our neighbors! Invite your family and friends!

July 25th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30.

Please stop by and "check-out" this wonderful service the library has to share.

This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, July 9th - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, July 12th

6:30 –Choir Practice

Saturday, July 15th– Neighborhood Days - Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 16th - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost & Neighborhood Days Worship

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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