



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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August 14, 2022 – 9:30 am
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



"La Justice," Eustace Le Sueur, 17th c.

There is only one lawgiver and judge, and he is able to save and to destroy.
But you who judge your neighbor, who are you?
James 4:12 (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. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! The liturgy today is from the Wild Goose Resource Group, A Wee Worship Book, (Chicago: GIA Publications, 2015).

PRELUDE: *In Times Like These*

RUTH CAYE JONES/ARR. BY FRED BOCK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

O God, you summon the day to dawn; you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name, great is your love.

For you the valleys will sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name, great is your love.

To you the monarchs of the earth shall bow, the poor and the persecuted shall shout for joy:

Great is your name, great is your love.

Your love and justice shall last for ever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

Great is your name, great is your love.

Let us worship our God.

***GATHERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

We cannot escape you, nor will we resist you; for though your ways are not our ways, nor are your thoughts our thoughts, it is on your Word and will that all life depends.

You convert wrong into right; therefore we trust you, and so we pray: God of justice, *show yourself.*

Where the hungry go unfed while the privileged gorge themselves; where the poor go begging
While the rich amass greater fortunes; where tyrants have bitten the dust \but their successors prove no better:
God of justice, *show yourself.*

You convert wrong into right; therefore we trust you, and so we pray: God of justice, *show yourself.*

Where the prisoner is not prepared for freedom and the refugee is not accorded dignity;
where those who are disadvantaged are excluded and those who are disabled are left on the margins;
where gender, race or religion are grounds for suspicion, or confer unmerited privilege:
God of justice, *show yourself.*

And to us, that we might serve and love you with body, soul and mind: God of justice, *show yourself.*

God, hear our prayer and make us willing agents of your gracious purposes, in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN: Alleluia**

Verse 1 - Alleluia

Verse 2 - Thank you, Jesus

Verse 3 - Lord, we praise

Verse 4 - Lord, we love you

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 19:7-14

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 677-678

JAMES 4:11-17

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1472

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! **[Refrain]**

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace. **[Refrain]**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Let us pray.

From before the world began and after the end of eternity, you are God. From the sea bursting from its womb to the wind ceasing from its chase, you are God.

In the vastness of the universe and the forgotten corner of our hearts, you are God.
You are our God, and we bless you.

Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing, and we are caretakers of creation, we need you God. ***We need you, God.***

Because human knowledge seems endless, the world is our oyster and we do not know what we do not know, we need you God. ***We need you, God.***

Because we can live without you and are free to go against you and could worship our wisdom alone, we need you God. ***We need you, God.***

Because you came among us
and sat beside us
and heard us speak and saw us ignore you
and healed our pain and let us wound you
and loved us to the end
and triumphed over all hatred, we need you God. ***We need you, God.***

Because you, not we, are God, we need you God. ***We need you, God.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Listen, for the God who created us says,
“Don’t be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.
You are precious to me. I love you, I honor you, I am with you.”

Pause

So, we respond:

***Maker of all, we are your children, the creatures of your kindness, the bearers of your image.
This day, we will walk by your light, follow your son, and live by your Spirit.
This day, we will not offer to you offerings that cost us nothing, for this is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

So now, as Jesus taught us, let us pray in the language we are most familiar with, saying:

***... 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.***

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY – THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Hear My Prayer, O Lord*

Dr. Richard Cook (Accompanied by Carol Cook)

ANTONIN DVORAK

***DOXOLOGY #592:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

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

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

LISTENING FOR GOD’S VOICE

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *“Judging and Boasting”*

REV. PHILLIPS

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967 (INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE TEXT)

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God’s reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God’s message of reconciliation and shares God’s labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human

suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgement on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

***CLOSING HYMN :** *Come, Ye That Love the Lord*

ISAAC WATTS

Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord,
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion.
We're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. **[Refrain]**

Then let our songs abound,
and ev'ry tear be dry.
We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
we're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. **[Refrain]**

***SENDING**

From where we are to where you need us: ***Jesus, now lead on.***

From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal: ***Jesus, now lead on.***

To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom: ***Jesus, now lead on.***

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God: ***Jesus, now lead on.***

POSTLUDE: *Revive Us Again*

JOHN HUSBAND/ARR. BY FRED BOCK

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

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

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Elders of the Month for August are **Tracey Troxler** and **Randy Cousins**.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

- Debbie & John Johnson August 1
- Caroline & Jon Phillips August 1
- Tina & Glenn Patterson August 6
- Linda & Bill Abplanalp August 15
- Nancy & Mike Sutton August 22
- Kasey & Brent Dampier August 26

- Ruby Martin August 1
- Jean Payne August 4
- Darrell Holmes August 10
- Zach Wagner August 13
- Millie Fuller August 15
- Emmie Davis August 15
- Donna Mitchell-Ayers August 18
- Samantha Patterson August 18
- Gina Wagner August 18
- Robert Cousins August 19
- Shelvia Russell August 19
- Sue Kimrey August 20
- Caroline Phillips August 20
- Betty Boggs August 22

Liturgist

August 7 th	Chip Allen
August 14 th	Alex McClain
August 21 st	
August 28 th	Randy Cousins

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, August 14th – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)
- After Church – “Jesus and the Gospels”, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 17th

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, August 21st – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)
Blessing of the Backpacks
- After Church – “Jesus and the Gospels”, Fellowship Hall

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