



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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August 28, 2022 – 9:30 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Patience

Therefore, brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the coming of the Lord.
James 5:7 (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: *Be Still and Know*

TRADITIONAL MELODY/ARR. BY FRED BOCK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING SENTENCES

May God be among us throughout this day. ***Amen.***

May Christ be beside us throughout this day. ***Amen.***

May the Spirit be within us throughout this day. ***Amen.***

May we, as God's people, be at one with the saints in heaven

and live in harmony with the Blessed Three to whom be praise and glory for ever. ***Amen.***

Let us worship our God.

*GATHERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Each thing we have received – ***from God it came.***

Each thing we enjoy – *from God it comes.*
Each thing we pray for – *from God it will be given.*

God of life, you are the source of all goodness and the satisfaction of all our desires.
Our understanding of you is small; increase it.
Our desire to do your will is weak; enliven it.
The seed you have planted has yet to bear fruit; ripen it. *Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN #466:** *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

CHARLES WESLEY

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name.

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 146: 5-10

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 778-779

JAMES 5:7-12

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 1473

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF THE DAY #819 (GLORY TO GOD):** *Be Still, My Soul*

KATHARINA VON SCHLEGEL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord;
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

Create in us clean hearts as, in your sight, we unburden ourselves of guilt, of anger, of fear, of pride, of hardness of heart, or weakness of intention.

Pause.

Jesus, Son of Mary, ***have mercy upon us.***

Jesus, Savior of the World, ***make peace within us.***

Christ, King of Glory, ***be with us and for us wherever life takes us.***

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

In the common path of our calling, whether it be easy or uneasy to tread,
whether it be bright or dark to follow, let your perfect guidance protect us.

***Be a shield against all that might deceive us,
be a healer for all that might harm us,
be a witness of all that might trouble us,
be a friend to all who are dear to us,
this day and until we meet in glory.***

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

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

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: "*Patience*"

RICK PURCELL, CRE/CLP

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE**

FROM THE CONFESSION OF BELHAR, 1986

We believe

that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

*that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways;
in that we love one another;*

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;

together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

together know and bear one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;

that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within one visible people of God;

that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

***CLOSING HYMN #403:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

JOSEPH MEDLICOTT SCRIVEN

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

***SENDING**

Now may God, who brought us into the joyous light of this new day, bring us to the guiding light of eternity.
***God above us, God beneath us, God behind us, God before us, God in quietness, God in danger,
God in the heart of friend and stranger. Amen.***

POSTLUDE: *There is Strength in the Name of the Lord*

PHIL MCHUGH, GLORIA GAITHER & SANDY PATTI HELVERING/
ARR BY FRED BOCK

** Please stand in body or spirit.*

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, August 28th – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)

Wednesday, August 31st

- 6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, September 4th – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Communion Sunday
Pennies for Hunger Sunday

- 9:30 – Worship (In-Person outside at the Manse parking lot & Live Stream)

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