



# Bethany Presbyterian Church

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September 29, 2024 – 11:00 am

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



"Fresco of Moses at the Dura Europos Synagogue,"  
224-225 CE

Moses said to the people, "Remember this day which is the day that you came out of Egypt, out of the place you were slaves, because the LORD acted with power to bring you out of there."

Exodus 13:3a (COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE)

## 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 Ruth Burgess, Acorns and Archangels: Resources for Ordinary Time, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2009); Kimberly Bracken Long, ed, Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 2, Worship Companion, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014); and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *People Need the Lord*

PHILL MCHUGH/ARR. FRED BOCK

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - GLORY TO GOD #769: *For Everyone Born***

SHIRLEY ERENA MURRAY

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

**Refrain:**

and God will delight when we are creators  
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators  
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for woman and man, a system that's fair, **[Refrain]**

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong, **[Refrain]**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free, **[Refrain]**

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

"OPEN HANDS," JULIA BROWN

Open hands;  
to receive  
to offer,  
not clinging  
or grasping,  
accepting  
and passing on.

Open hands;  
not controlling  
but unique  
and vulnerable,  
marked with life.

Open hands;  
holding past  
and present  
and future  
together,  
with love  
with hope.

**\*GATHERING PRAYER**

"21<sup>ST</sup>-CENTURY HARVEST, NICK BURDEN

*Lord, we give thanks for the changing of seasons,  
for autumn, the fullness of harvest  
and the promise of rebirth and renewal,  
for the fulfillment of our work  
for goals achieved  
for targets met and projects delivered.*

*Help us celebrate what we have achieved.  
Give us discipline to renew our efforts  
and the wisdom to learn from our mistakes.  
Inspire us to plan ahead.*

*We ask this in the sure knowledge of the resurrection,  
the transformation of death to new life,  
and the building of your kingdom. Amen.*

## RESPONDING TO OUR PRAYERS

Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord.  
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liberating God,  
as your word is read and preached,  
pass among your gathered people,  
opening minds to increase understanding,  
opening hearts to bind us together in your love.  
*In Jesus name we ask it. Amen.*

### ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

**LUKE 22:14-20**

PEW BIBLE, 1282

**EXODUS 12:1-13; 13:1-8**

PEW BIBLE, 79; 81

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

#### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #579:** *Glory Be to the Father*

HENRY W. GREATOREX

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.

#### \*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY - GLORY TO GOD #100:** *My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout*  
(Canticle of the Turning)

RORY COONEY

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the one who waits.  
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
So from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

#### Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears,  
For the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me.  
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and those who would for you yearn,  
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
every tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
These are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **(Refrain)**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forbears heard  
is the promise that holds us bound,  
'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **(Refrain)**

## TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Among the countless things  
that human beings cannot  
fully comprehend about God,  
there stands this:  
God so loves us  
as to bathe us with grace  
and feed us with mercy  
and forgive us our sins.  
Confident in the love of God,  
let us pray together.

***Lord God,  
while we were in bondage to sin,  
you died for our salvation.  
Yet we still worship the false gods of the world,  
forgetting that you are Lord.  
Loving worldly wealth,  
we have not loved you with our whole heart  
nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Trusting worldly strength,  
we have not trusted your word  
nor followed the Word-made-flesh.  
Forgiving by worldly norms,  
we have not shown mercy to others  
as you have shown mercy to us.***

*silence*

Forgive us yet again, ***we pray in Christ's name. Amen.***

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

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

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Be Still*

HERB FROMBACH/MUSIC BY MARY McDONALD

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"How We Remember"*

REV. JON PHILLIPS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

### PRESENTATION

...Hear these words from scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,  
***one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all...***

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

As members of the body of Christ, let us reaffirm the faith into which we were baptized.  
Please stand with me in body or in spirit:

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?  
***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
***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 is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in 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.*

## WELCOME

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN - GLORY TO GOD #853:** *We are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba)*

GARCIA GRINDAL

We are **marching** in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of, the light of God.  
We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are **dancing** ...

We are **praying** ...

We are **singing** ...

### \*SENDING

"BE CHILDREN OF GOD," RUTH BURGESS

Do justice  
Be strong  
Be generous  
Don't ignore those who need you  
Don't damage the earth

Love mercy  
Be kind  
Be forgiving  
Don't bear grudges  
Don't withhold love

Walk humbly with your God  
Be attentive  
Be obedient  
Don't run away from wisdom  
Don't wander off the road

Love God with all that you have –  
your mind, your heart, your soul,  
your dreams, your tears and laughter

And love your neighbor as you love yourself  
Let your children play together;  
share your stories and your food

Be salt  
Be light  
Be leaven  
Be happy

Be who you are  
Be children of God  
***Alleluia! Amen.***

**POSTLUDE:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

FRANKLIN RITTER (BASED ON LOBE DEN HERRON)

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# Our Faith Community @ Work

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **September 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor Appreciation Luncheon**

Please join us for a luncheon immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall to show our grateful thanks and appreciation for the Transitional Ministry and Leadership of Pastor Jon Phillips.

### **September Scout Fall Popcorn Sale**

September starts the kick off for the Fall popcorn sale for the Scouts. The order sheet is located in the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Jeff Benes 336-675-9086 or benes.nc@att.net.

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> The Women of Bethany Church Gathering**

The Women of Bethany Church will come together on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am in the Fellowship hall to discuss how to come back together.

### **October 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)**

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the month of September? They are asking for **soup** and **rice**. S.A.F.E. will be closed the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month. Consider donating your plastic and paper bags.

### **Save the Date**

- **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 4:00pm Fall Festival**

## This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>                      Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Pastor Appreciation Lunch

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)  
After Service – Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>                      Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Communion & Pennies for Hunger

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



### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. Jon Phillips

**Clerk:** Randy Cousins

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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