



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



*“He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you:
to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah 6:8 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don’t hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It’s not about perfect music. It’s not about the perfect prayer. It’s about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE

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 the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* **GATHERING SONG:** *What Does the Lord Require of You?* (see page 5)

JIM STRATHDEE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever. Let us worship God!

* **OPENING HYMN #464:** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!

We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE:

MICAH 6:6-8

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1129

AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people.

Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you.

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends.

We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us.

Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness.

May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions.

We know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed. Amen.

* **RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #355:** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!

How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

NETTLETON

A LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Loaf, wafer, unleavened bread, cubed white bread, rice cakes, millet bread, breadfruit.

Wine, wine mixed with water, grape juice, tea, nut beer, coconut milk.

Tiny cups, common chalice, disposable, plastic, glass, paper; historic and sentimental, or common and every day.

Large, inner-city church with a diverse, culturally-rich congregation.

Small, country church where everyone is related in one way or another.

In a strip mall, on a hillside, in a jungle, is someone's apartment; bright, shiny and clean, or old, dirty and antiquated.

Chinese, Spanish, English, Hindi.

Swahili, Urdu, Portuguese.

Navajo, Mandarin, American Sign Language.

The words of Christ spoken by a pastor with multiple, advanced degrees,

or a bi-vocational minister,

or perhaps the only one in the village who knows how to read.

All around the world today people gather to worship.

Our differences are many; our similarities few;

But the one, striking similarity is Jesus Christ.

All those differences,

All those varied circumstances,

All those walls ...

They come tumbling down.

We are not so different that we cannot worship and celebrate in the presence of God.

We are not so different that we cannot share the common cup – even if it is miles . . . and many lifetimes apart.

We are not so different that we cannot set aside those differences – at least for a day.

And if we can do it for one day . . .

We can do it for two. And if we can do it for two days . . .

We can do it for three. And if we can do it for three days . . .

We can do it for a lifetime.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY

* **A DOXOLOGY:** *We Lift Our Voices*

DWIGHT LILES

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MOMENT FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP 2018

ELDER GLENN PATTERSON

THE WORD IN MUSIC

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: **do.**

REV. JOHNSON

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *Feed Us Lord* (see page 5)

GREG SCHEER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Some come from towns we have trouble pronouncing, others have walked across the street;

some gather with strangers, others are with old friends and family; some hold the bread with trembling hands, others pass the cup with a strong grip;

some need to taste hope and grace, others long for a community which welcomes them with open arms.

And all, all of us, are welcomed to this Table and every Table where the Holy Meal is celebrated this day.

For this is not the clergy's table, this is not the church's table; this is God's Table, and God turns no one away. Come, people of God; come and taste the goodness of the Lord.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

May the God of all be with you!

May that God be with you, as well!

We will join our hearts with all of God's people, offering them to the God who loves us.

God fills our hearts, our lives, with overflowing grace.

With voices in every tongue, of every faith, we will sing our praises to God.

We offer glory and thanksgiving to our God.

When there was nothing but your imagination, God of Wonder . . . With those whose hearts are filled with joy, with those whose lips tremble with questions, we lift our praises to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all, God of each. All creation everywhere joins in praising you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who calls us to the Table of life. Hosanna in the highest!

In your holiness, God of creation, you could have stayed aloof, letting the world drift back into chaos . . . As we gather in grand churches and in open fields, as we feast on the finest bread, and drink from crystal cups, we join our sisters and brothers in every place, proclaiming the mystery:

Jesus died, so we might know the depths of love; Jesus was raised, so we might know the strength of love; Jesus will come, so we might know God's steadfast love for us.

At altars carved from marble and tables shoved together, with people who are at the feast every time it is served . . . And when all time has ended and the world as we know it is made complete, we will gather around that One Table of grace, hope, peace, and love with sisters and brothers of every time and place, forever praising your name, God in Community, Holy in One. We pray now the prayer Christ taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We will go now to share God's love with all.

Whether in our neighborhoods or in other places, we will care for others in God's name.

We will go now to join in offering the grace of Jesus to all.

We will join the Servant of all in seeking justice and hope for everyone.

We will go now, knowing we are one people in the gift of the Spirit.

We will bring peace to places torn apart by violence; we will help to rebuild lives damaged by fear and hate. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN #467: *How Great Thou Art*

O STORE GUD

As is our custom, worshippers are invited to bring forward their Pennies For Hunger Offering and place in the basket on the table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or spirit.

What Does the Lord Require of You? 70

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm)
 B \flat F Gm Dm

*1.
 What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2.
 Jus - tice, kind - ness,

3.
 To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

(C) (G) (Am) (D) (G)
 E \flat B \flat Cm F B \flat *Repeat as desired*

What does the Lord re - quire of you?
 walk hum - bly with your God.
 and walk hum - bly with your God.

*The three melodic phrases may be sung consecutively, as a canon, or in any combination.

Feed Us, Lord 501

D G/B Asus A D G/B Asus A G D/F \sharp

1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
 2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
 3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
 4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,

G A B Em D/F \sharp G D

be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
 may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
 of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
 giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest 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.**

For our children: Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

Audio and Visual Assistance: A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we may be in touch.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Brandon Troxler**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

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.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)
- *Homiletics Online* website (www.homileticsonline.com)

Today is **World Communion Sunday**. This is the day we partake of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and remember that we join with sisters and brothers from around the world around the table of our Lord.

Today marks the beginning of the **2018 Stewardship Emphasis Season**. As you may have noticed around the church, our theme is **do. love. walk.**, and is based on Micah 6:8. The four Sundays of October will each be centered around this theme: **do. today, love. on October 14th, and walk. on October 24th**. Our **Consecration Sunday will be on October 28th**, as we welcome our **guest preacher, Rev. Steve Scott**, who currently serves as interim General Presbyter for Salem Presbytery. As we embark on this important season of the church, prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in response to all that God has given you.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

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

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Joan Richardson	Joey Leake
Shirley Lane	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Levi Byrd	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Katherine Bayliff	Alex Thomas
Katherine Turner	Randy Thompson	Susie Hunley
	Bill Abplanalp	

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

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)

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: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Elders of the Month for October are **Karen Maxwell** and **A. J. Campbell**.

The Session has called for a **Congregational Meeting** to immediately follow worship this morning, for the purpose of hearing and acting on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee as it brings nominees for the Session, Class of 2021, and filling an unexpired term in the Class of 2020. Nominees for the Class of 2021 are: **Nancy Purcell** (nominated for a second term), **Tracey Troxler, and Ben Russell**. Filling the unexpired term in the Class of 2020 is **Randy Cousins**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- World Communion Sunday
- Stewardship Emphasis Season I
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship
- 12:00 – Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, the 9th:

- 7:00 – Session Meeting

Wednesday, the 10th:

- 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, the 14th:

- Stewardship Emphasis Season II
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

Class of 2018:

Glenn Patterson

Nancy Purcell

Brandon Troxler

Class of 2019:

A. J. Campbell

Ron Osborne

Jean Payne

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