



## Bethany Presbyterian Church

Graham, North Carolina

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***"You give them something to eat."***

August 2, 2020 – 11:00, *the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

“But Jesus said to them, “There’s no need to send them away. You give them something to eat.”  
Matthew 14:16(CEB)

### GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Holy One, as I walk through this new day, help me to see each experience as an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be your servant and a chance to help Jesus feed those in need, guided by your steadfast love for me. Amen.*

#### PRELUDE: *MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE*

Paul Taylor

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

**If you have no money but you’re hungry,  
come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.**  
Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?  
**Why do you work for what does not nurture you?**  
Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

**Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.**

Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

**They will come running to you because our Covenant God  
will raise you up, transform you, and make you shine!**

\* **OPENING HYMN: #525** *HERE I AM, LORD*

DANIEL L. SCHUTTE

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**(Refrain)**

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord,  
If You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them.  
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

## OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

### A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, like the Apostle Paul, we seek to speak the truth in Christ. We long for our speech to reflect yours, our actions to embody your performative, living Word. We come, therefore, seeking to hear what you would say to us this day, attentive and eager to Scripture, ready to listen, to learn and to act in ways that honor and praise you. Amen.

## AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE

**MATTHEW 14:13-21**

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1189

Keep these words in your heart. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

***Thanks be to God.***

## AN OFFERING OF PRAYERS

Sisters and brothers, The promise of our faith is this: for all who call out in truth, God is near.

Therefore let us honestly confess our sin.

**Lord of abundance and compassion, we confess that when we see the overwhelming needs of your beloved world, we want to turn away, seek our own security and retreat from the chaos all around us. Forgive us for failing to heed Jesus' command to provide for the crowds. Forgive us for hoarding what we have instead of willingly offering it to you that it might be blessed, multiplied and used to sustain everyone. We know that you are present in seemingly desolate places, meeting us in our doubts, using even our failings and mistakes for your purposes. In your abounding, steadfast love, grant us mercy and make of us a merciful, gracious and faithful people. Amen.**

## AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

The Lord is just in all ways, and kind in all that God does. God is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth. Friends, having called on the Lord in truth, we can trust that God is near, just and kind.

Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

Since we are justified by faith we have peace with God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## 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.)*

## AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

### \* SAYING WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE

As the people of God gathered in this place, who are we?

***We are a community of believers, called by God to WORSHIP, SERVE, TEACH, and SUPPORT.***

With the whole church, let us say what we believe:

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. *(from A Brief Statement of Faith)***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.***

## AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many.

Come now; let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All-sufficient One who said, "Bring them here to me."

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We thank you, our Father, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son.

Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## \* HYMN OF THE DAY: #387 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPARD LEAD US

WILLIAM B. BRADLEY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd 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 pow'r to free:  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee;  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to Thee.

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

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY*

MORGAN TROXLER - SOLOIST

A. KATHERINE HANKEY

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: "You give them something to eat"

Rick Purcell, CLP

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.  
Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love.  
God our Sustainer, you have fed us with your grace.  
Now send us out into your beloved world  
to share your life, your love, your grace with all.  
Blessing and honor and glory to you,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. Amen.

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

#### \* CLOSING HYMN #369: *I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME*

I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna pray so (pray so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime! (anytime!)  
I'm gonna sing so (sing so) God can use me anywhere,  
Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (anytime!)

#### \* CHARGE

Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### BENEDICTION

May your mouth speak the praise of the Lord, your mind think the wisdom of the Lord, your hands and feet do the will of the Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you forever, Amen.

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\* Please stand in body or spirit.



# *Our Faith Community @ Work*

**WORSHIP Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and Helen Brown)

**WELCOME** to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a visitor 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](http://www.bethanypreschurch.org); on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian); or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

Obviously, due to the ongoing health crisis surrounding the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we are not worshipping in person at this point in time, but rather gathering virtually using the Zoom meeting platform. Each week the congregation will be emailed a link by which everyone can join the meeting using their computer, laptop, smartphone, or tablet. John will lead worship in this manner, and congregants are invited to participate as they are able. For those who are unable to connect via Zoom, we are also hoping to be on Facebook Live as well. We are still trying to work out some glitches in that.

For those unable to get the link via email, it will also be on our Facebook page, and on our website.

**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](http://www.buzzsprout.com/9198). A **Video Recording** of our Zoom worship will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

Resources used in today's worship:

- *Feasting on the Word* worship resources
- *Ministry Matters* website ([www.ministrymatters.com](http://www.ministrymatters.com))
- *Homiletics Online* website ([homileticonline.com](http://homileticonline.com))

**SERVE Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Randy Cousins and Tina Patterson)

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

Bill Faucette  
Jack Cook  
Joan Richardson  
Teresa Wilborn  
Tiffany Tauchren  
Jean Berry  
Christy Lutterloh  
Eleanor Thompson  
Nancy Sutton  
Norma Proctor  
Christopher Bagley  
Randy Thompson  
Frederica Beatty

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Peter Slater  
Joey Leake  
Shannon Russell  
Mary Moore  
Barbara Cousins  
Pat Kennedy  
Mike Sutton  
Pete Campbell  
Ben Johnson  
Glenn Thompson  
Darrell Holmes

John & Ann Sutton  
Ruby Martin  
Shirley Lane  
Ida Whitney  
Katherine Turner  
Jeremy Harden  
Anne McDaniels  
Alex Thomas  
Steward Dillard  
Shelvia Russell  
Carol Brooks  
Ritchie Fishburne  
Janie Holt Clapp

**TEACH Ministry:** (Lead Elders: Karen Maxwell and Tracey Troxler)

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. (Classes will resume when we return to having church in person!)

**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: Chip Allen, Ben Russell, and Bill Abplanalp)

Elders of the Month for August are **Tina Patterson** and **Ben Russell**.

## This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup>:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice (not meeting)

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>:

- 11:00 – Worship Online

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### Session

**Moderator:** Rev. John W. Johnson

**Clerk:** Karen Maxwell

**Treasurer:** Glenn Patterson

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Chip Allen

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Karen Maxwell

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*Elder Emeritus: Bobby Peele*

*Elder Emeritus: Don Boggs*

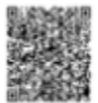
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