

Sermon Notes

Rev. Butros Zaour

NOTES:

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us! Your being here is a sweet offering to the Lord. Our prayer has been that you know the good news of Jesus’ love as a result of your worship. If you have prayer concerns, questions about faith, or would like to inquire about making Bethel Church your spiritual home please indicate this in the pew pad or speak with one of the pastors or elders following the service.

For families with infants, toddlers, and preschool children: Safe childcare with trained volunteers is available during our worship service. We also offer age appropriate Sunday school classes for ages 2-4. All of our early childhood ministries are designed to help your children learn more about Jesus and His love for them. Guests, please let us assist you in registering your children.

Attendance for last week: Sunday School: 116; Sanctuary—236, Worship Café—115; Worship Total: 351

Elder: Roxanne Cooper

Deacons: Jenny Dowdy (lead), Barbara Dresser, Rita Gibson, Ed Wayland, Rick Whitman, Richard Wilson

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Vision Statement

Reflecting the Love and Truth of Christ to Transform Lives.

Mission Statement

A Community of Christ Followers making disciples by:

WORSHIPING the living God

TEACHING the truth of Scripture

CARING for others

SERVING with the compassion of Christ

ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Staff

Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Boone, III.....Senior Pastor
 Rev. Mark Moss.....Assistant Pastor
 Jan Boswell.....Christian Education Director
 Jeremy Churchill.....Director, Youth Ministries
 Susan O’Keefe..... Director of Choirs
 Beth Moss.....Parish Nurse
 Teresa Hewitt.....Organist
 Lisa Weber.....Office Administrator
 Beth Bynum....Dir. Of Comm. & Volunteer Support
 Allen Hauser.....Financial Administrator
 Teresa Hall.....Bookkeeper
 Bobby Waugh, David Campbell..Facilities Manager
 Michelle Koslick.....Weekday Preschool Director

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15 am
 Worship 10:30 am
 Bethel Youth 5:30 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm;
 Fri 9am – 2pm

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Bethel Presbyterian Church

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(WN) Worship Notes: At Bethel Church we know that people come from a variety of faith and worship backgrounds. So, we have provided "Worship Notes (WN)" as an explanation of different parts of the service. Understanding what we do and why we do it helps to make worship more meaningful and engaging.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Janie Beaver

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

(WN) Music awakens the spirit! The Prelude has been selected to develop today's scripture. Make the transition from getting here to being here in our Lord's presence. Take this moment of music to quiet yourselves, focus your mind, and awaken your spirit.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

(WN) Our worship service begins with the playing of the chimes of the Trinity, which is a musical reminder that we worship One God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WELCOME AND LIFE AT BETHEL

Tom Boone

INVITATION TO WORSHIP “It is Well With My Soul”

H. Spafford
 Faith, Hope and Grace

(WN) We gather for worship because God calls us to glorify His Name, because Jesus has made right worship possible, and because the Spirit prompts us to praise. Scripture marks the service's beginning, center, and end.

* **OPENING HYMN #267 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

1. Come, Thou Almighty King,
 Help us Thy name to sing,
 Help us to praise.
 Father, all glorious,
 O’er all victorious,
 Come, and reign over us,
 Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word,
 Gird on Thy mighty sword,
 Our prayer attend:
 Come, and Thy people bless,
 And give Thy word success;
 Spirit of holiness,
 On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wayne Bennett

(WN) Reformed worship moves quickly to confession because each of us has fallen short of God's glory and ought to bring our brokenness to Him before hearing scripture. The prayers in this section of worship are designed to fit today's scripture, the needs of the world and ourselves. They give voice to the voiceless, and enlarge our vision for God's kingdom.

Almighty God in heaven, we confess that we are sinners in the midst of a sinful world. It's not just something we do; it's something we are. Our sins are not just momentary lapses, but they reflect our inner selves. We try to hide them in the dark closets of our soul, but in Your presence, Lord, they come into the light. So, once again, we ask that You forgive us. Judge us not for what we are, but for who we are because of the sacrifice of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us the strength and courage to live into our new identity through our Savior. Now hear us as we bring to You our confessions in silence.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Wayne Bennett

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

* GLORIA PATRI

* STATEMENT OF OUR COMMON FAITH

The Nicene Creed

(WN) The ECO is member of the Reformed tradition, which helps us to express our common faith through creeds and confessions. We sing "Glory be to the Father" to express our gratitude to God for forgiving us and hearing our prayers.

For the summer we will be using the two historic creeds of the church. The origin of the Apostles' Creed is uncertain. The earliest historical evidence of the creed's existence is in a letter written by the Council of Milan in 390 A.D. However, the earliest text of the creed dates from the early 700's.

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

(WN) One of the ways that we worship God is through giving. God has given us all we have and we are stewards of it. By returning to God His tithe and our offering, we surrender the first portion of what we have. With these offerings Bethel supports outreach ministries to the Charlotte region, international mission, and helps to connect children, youth, and adults to Jesus.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Potter's Hand" Darlene Zschech
Faith, Hope and Grace

* THE DOXOLOGY

* THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Wayne Bennett

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN (Children in grades Preschool - 3rd may leave for Children's Worship)

SCRIPTURE

(WN) The scripture and sermon are the centerpieces of the worship service. The word "sermon" comes from Latin "sermo" for "talk." This teaching helps us both to understand scripture's meaning and to apply its meaning today.

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

FROM WORSHIP INTO SERVICE

* CLOSING HYMN #306 (vs. 1, 3, 4) "Jesus Saves!"

1. We have heard the joyful sound:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Spread the tidings all around:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land,

Climb the steeps and cross the waves;

Onward! 'tis our Lord's command;

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

3. Sing above the battle strife:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

By His death and endless life

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing it softly through the gloom,

When the heart for mercy craves;

Sing in triumph o'er the tomb:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

4. Give the winds a mighty voice:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Let the nations now rejoice:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Shout salvation full and free;

Highest hills and deepest caves;

This our song of victory:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

* CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

(WN) We move from this worship service to a life of discipleship. God is with us, helping us to make an impact for Him through our daily rhythms.

* POSTLUDE

"Fugue in C Major"

J.S. Bach

Please welcome our guest trio, "Faith, Hope and Grace"

Felicia Davis, Anna Drury and Janelle Masters