

SERMON NOTES
Training to Experience Peace
Mark 6:30-34

Living the Life: Take time in the coming days to implement one of these challenges:

- (1) Drive in the slow lane for a week and say a prayer for each person who passes you.
- (2) Eat your meals slowly (not in a car or on the fly) and be sure to chew each bite fifteen times in order to actually taste the food.
- (3) Don't wear a watch for a day or as a family commit to a day free of social media, phones, tablets, and other communication devices. Tell others you'll be doing this ahead of time!
- (4) Commit to a day of extended solitude.

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: 162; Sanctuary—283, Worship Café—75, Worship Total: 358

Elder: Allen Cook

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

Media Team: Bill Weatherington, Sloane Adler, Ken Dresser, Margie Persons, Ryan Whittington

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..... <i>Senior Pastor</i> Rev. Mark Moss..... <i>Assistant Pastor</i> Jan Boswell..... <i>Christian Education Director</i> Jeremy Churchill..... <i>Director, Youth Ministries</i> Susan O'Keefe..... <i>Interim Director of Choirs</i> Beth Moss..... <i>Parish Nurse</i> Teresa Hewitt..... <i>Organist</i> Lisa Weber..... <i>Office Administrator</i> Beth Bynum.... <i>Dir. Of Comm. & Volunteer Support</i> Allen Hauser..... <i>Financial Administrator</i> Teresa Hall..... <i>Bookkeeper</i> Bobby Waugh..... <i>Facilities Manager</i> Walker Burton..... <i>Assistant Facilities Manager</i> Michelle Koslick..... <i>Weekday Preschool Director</i>	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 Contact Us 19920 Bethel Church Road Cornelius, NC 28031 704-892-0546 or www.bethel-pc.org CCLI# 945092



Bethel Presbyterian Church

A Beacon of Christ's Love

February 18, 2018

First Sunday in Lent

(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

Laura Baker

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Be Still and Know"

Mark Ariail

(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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Tom Boone

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

(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 #30**

"How Majestic is Your Name"

Psalm 8:1 "O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!"

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Oh Lord, we praise your name,

Oh Lord, we magnify your name.

Prince of peace, Mighty God,

Oh Lord, God Almighty. [Repeat]

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Amy Petrenko

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change, and open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, the Light of the world. Now hear us as we bring to You our confessions in silence...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- * **Leader:** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Friends, hear and believe the good news.

- * **People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

* **GLORIA PATRI**

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.

(WN) We have sung "Glory be to the Father" in gratitude to God that He forgives us and hears our prayers. This prepares us to express our common faith through creeds and confessions from the Reformed tradition.

- * **STATEMENT OF OUR COMMON FAITH**

Amy Petrenko

(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. We state our common faith with one of our traditions creeds and confessions. During Lent, we will be reading portions of the Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563.

Leader: What does God's law require of us?

People: Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. "And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang."

Leader: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

People: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

"Never Let Us Go"

Chancel Choir

Guest Flautist, Thomas Bynum

- * **THE DOXOLOGY**

- * **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Amy Petrenko

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:30-34

(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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FROM WORSHIP INTO SERVICE

- * **CLOSING HYMN #497**

"Near to the Heart of God"

Psalm 73:28 "It is good to be near God."

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
Sent from the heart of God;
Hold us, who wait before Thee,
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where we our Savior meet,
Near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God

[Refrain]

- * **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.

- * **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"How Majestic is Your Name"

Chancel Choir

- * **POSTLUDE**

"Blessed Be the Name"

Teresa Hewitt