



# *“The Beauty of Creation”*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025  
10:00AM

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To trust in Jesus  
To love like Jesus  
To grow in Jesus  
To bring others to Jesus

# WORSHIP THE LORD

## WE GATHER

### GATHERING MUSIC

### 10- "God So Loved"

by Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash and Andrew Bergthold; © 2019 Angie Feel Good Songs | Bay19 | Capitol CMG  
Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Scott Cash Publishing Designee | We The Kingdom Music;

**Verse 1** Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty, Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more

**Verse 2** Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy, Come to the table He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for

**Chorus 1** For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son  
to save us, Whoever believes in Him will live forever

**Verse 3** Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions, Come lay them down at the foot of  
the cross, Jesus is waiting there, With open arms

**Chorus 2** For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son  
to save us, Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom, For God so loved God so loved the world

**Bridge** Praise God praise God, From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him, For the wonders of His love  
(Repeat Bridge), (Repeat to Chorus 2)

**Verse 4** Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions, Come lay them down at the foot of  
the cross, Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

### "My Savior, My God"

by Aaron Shust & Dorothy Greenwell; © 2005 Bridge Building Music, Inc;

**Verse 1** I am not skilled to understand, What God has willed what God has planned  
I only know at His right hand, Stands One who is my Savior

**Verse 2** I take Him at His word and deed, Christ died to save me this I read  
And in my heart I find a need, Of Him to be my Savior

**Pre-Chorus** That He would leave His place on high, And come for sinful man to die  
You count it strange so once did I, Before I knew my Savior

**Chorus** My Savior loves my Savior lives, My Savior's always there for me  
My God He was my God He is, My God is always gonna be (REPEAT)

**Verse 3** Yes living dying let me bring, My strength my solace from this spring  
That He who lives to be my King, Once died to be my Savior  
(Go to Pre Chorus and Chorus), (After Last Chorus Repeat to Verse 1)

**"Great Are You Lord"**

by Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan and David Leonard; © 2012 Open Hands Music, So Essential Tunes,  
Integrity's Praise! Music, Little Way Creative

**Verse** You give life You are love, You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore every heart that is broken, And great are You Lord

**Chorus** It's Your breath in our lungs, So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise, It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only (Repeat Verse and Chorus)

**Bridge** And all the earth will shout Your praise, Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord (REPEAT Bridge, then Chorus)

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Please Stand)*

**Niki Ciaramella**

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
**And the skies proclaim the work of His hands.**  
Day after day they pour forth speech,  
**Night after night they display knowledge.**  
The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.  
**The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.**  
Come, let us join creation in praising God!  
**We come with joy, to worship the Lord of heaven and earth.**  
Let us worship God!

**OPENING PRAYER** *(Please Stand)*

**Niki Ciaramella**

**HYMN** *(Please Stand)*

**"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"**

**No. 442**

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**1** 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

**Refrain:**

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

**2** O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]  
**(Guitar Solo after Third Chorus)**

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** *(Please be seated)*

**Niki Ciaramella**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Niki Ciaramella**

**Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved You with our whole hearts. We have neglected Your Word, and failed to live according to Your ways. We have been slow to listen, quick to speak, and quick to become angry. Forgive us, Lord. Turn our hearts back to You. Teach us to treasure Your truth and to walk in Your ways of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silent Confession***

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Niki Ciaramella**

Hear the good news: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."  
In Christ Jesus, we are made righteous—not by our merit, but by His grace.  
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Amen.**

**RESPONSE** *(Please Stand)*

**"Gloria Patri"**

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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.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Niki Ciaramella**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ. Let us be at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all...**and also with you.**  
The kids can come forward for the Children's Sermon as you all take a moment to share the peace of Christ with those around you.

**WE LISTEN**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** (10:00)

**Debby Hayes**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**Niki Ciaramella**

**FIRST READING**

**James 5:13-20**

**Niki Ciaramella**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

## **SECOND READING**

**Psalms 19**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens and its circuit to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect one's own errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**"The Beauty of Creation"**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

## **WE RESPOND**

## **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

**"Multiplied"**

by Bear Rinehart and Bo Rinehart; © 2013 Bear Lee Breathing Music | NeedToBreathe Music; Bloom Musicians

**THE RESPONSE** *(Please Stand)***"Doxology"**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

**THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(Please Stand)***ANNOUNCEMENTS****PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray this in the name of our Savior, who taught us to pray together, saying... 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.

**WE ARE SENT****HYMN** *(Please Stand)***"In Christ Alone"**

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend; © 2001 Thankyou Music

In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease,  
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Brian Janssen**

**POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!**  
**PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

A Special Thank You to our Bloom Musicians for leading us in worship today! Your beautiful gifts are such a blessing! A shout out of gratitude to Mike Segeleon and the tech team for setting up all of the sound equipment we used for worship!

Thank you to the Deacons for all of the hard work that went into making this picnic happen- from food planning to prepping, and all the set up, and cooking and serving! We are blessed by you! Thank you to our bakers that shared delicious treats for the Bake Off! What a fun way to share your goodies with us!

**Time to Sing!** - Have you thought about joining the Bethany Choir? Maybe this is the year for you! We would love to welcome you to the choir. Bethany Choir resumes rehearsals at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 27. No experience is necessary and no auditions are required! Childcare will be available, if needed. Please let Nadina know if you'd like to join us! [music@bethanypresby.org](mailto:music@bethanypresby.org)

**Bethany Youth Group Upcoming Events!**

**Monday August 18th and Monday August 25th** we will meet at the Collier Chick-fil-A for milkshakes 6pm - 7pm! All upcoming 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend! Friends are always welcome.

**Friday August 29th** we will have **FroYo Friday** at Sincerely Yogurt! We will meet at Sincerely Yogurt in Bridgeville 5pm-6pm. All upcoming 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend and friends are always welcome!

The BYG Year will "officially" start on Sunday September 7th with a **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH!** 5pm-7pm. The entire family is invited to have dinner, tie dye shirts, compete in some competitions, and hear all the plans for youth ministry this year! All students entering preschool - 12th grade and their families are invited to join us for this event!

**DAY AT THE LAKE** - Join us again for the annual **"Day at the Lake"** scheduled for **Saturday, August 23rd from 11am-3pm** at the North Shore Beach at Moraine State Park! Sail boat rides, beach fun, and hotdogs and a great day out experiencing the park and the beach with free sail boat lessons as well! Contact Bill Paviol 412-722-3102 with any questions!

**UPCOMING BIBLE STUDY** - Doug Bovard and Sharon Salvini will be leading a group study when Sunday school resumes September 14<sup>th</sup>! The study will be using the Westminster Confession of Faith by Joseph Pippa. Class will begin Sunday after the second service in the room across from the bride's room so please let Sharon or Doug know if you're interested!

## **Join Us at MomCo!**

On September 11<sup>th</sup> both our morning and evening  
**MomCo** groups will start!!!

\_\_\_\_ YES!! The morning group will meet from 9:15 – 11:15 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday of each month. **Childcare is provided**

\_\_\_\_ YES! The evening group will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each  
month. No childcare is provided

### **SIGN ME UP!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would love to join or volunteer with Childcare. Please see Bonnie Miller for info!



## CHURCH FINANCES AS OF AUGUST 10, 2025

*Thank you for your continued support.*

	2025 YTD (\$)	2024 YTD (\$)	+/- (\$)
Contributions*	\$ 328,920	\$ 324,785	\$ 4,135
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	231,605	210,125	21,480
Investment Income **	9,952	31,405	(21,453)
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 570,476</b>	<b>\$ 566,315</b>	<b>\$ 4,162</b>
Year to Date Budget	574,934		
<b>+/- Budget</b>	<b>\$ (4,458)</b>		

\*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks.

\*\* Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.

*A friendly reminder from the Stewardship team, please write the amount of your giving on the outside of the envelope when turning in your offering. This helps make the job of those counting much easier.*



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*We are embarking on an exciting new chapter for Bethany's education wing! This is both an opportunity and a responsibility: to create a welcoming and inspiring environment for our children, teens, and families to learn, grow and thrive in their faith journey. Renovations include new carpeting, paint, furniture, sign-in station and decorations. If you feel called, we are asking for your heartfelt donations to help us support this important work. All gifts, great or small, are appreciated and will be used faithfully for this specific project. To donate, please contact the church office or you can make a note on your check/donation identifying it as Education Wing Renovation Donation. We thank every donor for their ongoing support and faith. With your help, our education wing will continue to be a light for learning and love in our church and our community for years to come.*

### **AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING - Disaster Relief Fund**

The special offering envelope for August supports the Disaster Relief Fund administered through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to this special offering either by selecting "Disaster Relief Fund" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Disaster Relief Fund on your check or a pew envelope.

Thank you for your contribution to the Disaster Relief Fund.



# BETHANY PRESCHOOL

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN

## FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

*Our experienced teachers and  
engaging curriculum offer  
children the opportunity  
to learn and grow in a safe,  
nurturing environment.*

**Don't forget to sign up for Preschool for the  
upcoming school year! We are so excited for the  
new year to start!**

## **WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, August 17**

**CHURCH PICNIC AT FAIRVIEW PARK FOR SECOND SERVICE**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship

**Monday, August 18**

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM – Deacons Meeting

**Tuesday, August 19**

7:00PM – DQ Music

7:00PM – ALANON

**Wednesday, August 20**

11:30AM – Knitters

**Thursday, August 21**

9:00AM – Quilters

12:00PM – Golden Oldies Luncheon

6:30PM - Bloom

7:30PM - AA

**Friday, August 22**

**Saturday, August 23**

SUPPLEMENTAL DIAPER BANK

**Sunday, August 24**

8:15AM and 10:00AM – Worship