



# *“Seventy Times Seven”*

YOUTH SUNDAY  
10:45AM  
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

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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

**PRELUDE "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman  
Bloom Musicians**

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**WELCOME**

**Abbie Gardner**

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

**Jenna Foltz**

Please stand if you are able for our Call to Worship

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now  
we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**Amen.**

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

**Jenna Foltz**

**HYMN** *(Please Stand)* **"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"  
by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman  
Led by Youth and Bloom Musicians**

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**(Chorus)**

Bless the Lord oh my soul. Oh my soul.

Worship His Holy name

Sing like never before; Oh, my soul

I'll worship Your Holy name

**1.** The sun comes up. It's a new day  
dawning. It's time to sing Your song

again. Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

*(Chorus)*

**2.** You're rich in love, and You're slow to  
anger. Your name is great,

and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on

singing ten thousand reasons

for my heart to find

*(Chorus) (instrumental solo)*

**3.** And on that day, when my strength is  
failing, the end draws near

and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise

unending ten thousand years

And then forevermore

Forevermore

*(Chorus)*



## CALL TO CONFESSION

Presley Venum

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Presley Venum

**Loving God, give us the grace we need to forgive others, as You forgive us. Help us to love others well. Grant that we may grow in consideration, empathy, grace, and forgiveness. Let Your grace to us flow out from us in this harsh and unforgiving world, so that Your name will be honored, Your kingdom extended, and Your will done, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*Silent Prayer of Confession*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Presley Venum

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, so that we may be forgiven. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Praise God! 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

Ray Gilmore

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

Katelyn Gilmore

## SOLO

**"I Am Not Alone" by Kari Jobe, Marty Sampson, Mia Fieldes,  
Ben Davis, Grant Pittman, Dustin Sauder and Austin Davis  
Soloist: Ashley Farabaugh**

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Katelyn Gilmore

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Colossians 3: 12-17**

**Amelia Smith**

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Ephesians 4: 29-32**

**Charlotte Gilmore**

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Matthew 6:7-15**

**Scarlett Barbisch**

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Matthew 18: 21-35**

**Clark Julius**

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of

that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**"Seventy Times Seven"**

**WE RESPOND**

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**Hannah Farabaugh**

**OFFERTORY SOLO**

**"You Will Be Found" from Dear Evan Hansen;  
Soloist: Jenna Foltz**

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**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)*

**Pastor Ellen Dawson**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor Ellen Dawson**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Clark Julius**

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*)

**"My Lighthouse" by Rend Collective  
Led by Youth and Bloom Musicians**

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**Verse 1**

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Verse 2**

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead us through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

**Verse 3**

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
(Chorus)

**Bridge**

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT Bridge 2X)

**BENEDICTION** (*Please Stand*)

**Pastor Ellen Dawson**

**POSTLUDE**

## **WELCOME TO BETHANY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**We are delighted to have you in worship with us this morning!**

**FOR OUR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN - A Nursery Room**, under the guidance of Nursery Director, Melina Robinson, is across the hall from the pulpit side of the Sanctuary. It is equipped with a speaker system from the sanctuary so any parent(s) who wishes to stay with their child(ren) in the nursery can hear the worship service. **A Cry Room** is at the rear of the Sanctuary – entry is through a door in the Narthex near the usher's table. *We encourage you to use these rooms as needed.*

**Worship Bags** are available for children to use during the worship service. The bags can be found at the Usher's Desk.

**Sound amplification devices** are available to those who might need or want to use them. Our ushers are available to help with any needs that you have during worship.

## **PASTORAL CONCERNS**

Roberta Gerstacker, Marlene Haley, Al Heaps, Karen Talerico

### **Prayers for our College Students**

Tanner Zissis - Senior at University of Central Florida

Kathryn Nagy - Senior at University of Pittsburgh

Would you like to be a **Prayer Partner** for one of our College Students? A few of our church members are currently in college and will be going through finals soon. Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center today to get an envelope with the student's information on it so you can be praying for them during finals! Thank you.

## **NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are dedicated to the youth involved in Youth Sunday.**

*We love and appreciate their hard work and dedication to this service. Each of the participants, along with the youth leaders, are encouraged to take a yellow rose home with them to signify the strong friendships made through Bethany Youth Group.*

**GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY** -We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

**UPDATE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** - Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so).

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you for your help!

**CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Bethany Discipleship Team encourages our members to register their kids for Summer Camps that will enrich their child's faith. You may apply for funds to assist with the cost. Application forms can be found in the Welcome Center, or on-line on our website. The current scholarship is a total of \$250 per child, per calendar year. **SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Parent or Legal Guardian\* is a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.
  - \*Exception: If the child went through the Confirmation Program and joined the church even if their parent is not a member.
  - Age Limit: Entering 3rd Grade up to Young Adult, age 23.
  - Child/Youth/Young Adult must be active in the programs of the church.
- “Active” means that the child/youth/young adult attends at least 12 times during the year, including Sunday Worship, Sunday School, BYG, or other church events.
- A Presbyterian or Christian Camp approved by the Discipleship team.

## **PROGRAM AND EVENT NEWS**

**CREATION VBS – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10AM** - It's time to get the crafters together and make some awesome decor for SCUBA - this year's Vacation Bible School theme! Join Celina and Meagan as they host Creation VBS every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 10- 12PM in The Youth Lounge. In the upcoming session, Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin creating the coral reefs by stacking all the boxes you have donated.

The next Creation VBS, Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> will be a **take-home session** for extra-large dolphins, whales, turtles and other mega-sized sea creatures! If you are interested in taking home something to cut out please email Meagan at [Marketing@bethanypresby.com](mailto:Marketing@bethanypresby.com). We welcome you to join us in creating the creation!

**VBS – Registration is open on our website for VBS!** Go on an undersea adventure with us to “SCUBA VBS - Diving Into Friendship with God”! For children age 4 through entering 5th grade, June 17-21 from 9am - noon. Youth & adult volunteers are needed! Please contact Celina Farabaugh, if you have any questions or to sign up as a volunteer, at [cfarabaugh19@gmail.com](mailto:cfarabaugh19@gmail.com) or 724-554-6370



**BYG: UPCOMING EVENTS FOR BETHANY YOUTH GROUP.**

All 6th - 12th grade students are welcome (and encouraged) to attend Bethany Youth Group

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 and 10:45 Services - YOUTH SUNDAY!** We are so excited to be leading worship and sharing all about Forgiveness. Forgiveness was the topic put on our hearts for this year's Youth Sunday. Breakfast will be provided for all youth participants between the services. *We will NOT have a BYG Group Night on April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night!** Join us for all the festive Cinco De Mayo dips and chips: Queso, Guacamole, Salsa - oh my! We will snack on these delicious dips while we talk about some of Jesus' Parables (and maybe even acting some of them out).

**May 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm-6:30pm - BYG Group Night!** Join us for a "mini pizza" night where we'll have Pizza Rolls, Pizza Bagels, and other fun Pizza flavored snacks! Our topic for tonight is all about Anxiety, and how we can go to God with all of our worries and anxieties!

**BYG will NOT be meeting on Mother's Day (5/12) or Memorial Day Weekend (5/26)**

Stay tuned for information for our June events!! Students & Parents, if you haven't already, you can join our Remind for text updates about BYG! Text the message @byg2024 to the phone number 81010 - If you have any issues just contact Abbie.

**DEAR BETHANY GOLFERS** - Please consider joining us and bringing some friends to our annual Bethany Golf outing being held at Ft Cherry Golf Course on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our event is open to all golfers and uses a golfer friendly 'Scramble' format. Start thinking about who you would want to golf with and '**SAVE THE DATE for SAT JUN 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30am** – cost will be \$87-90 and includes your round of golf and luncheon afterwards!

**DANIEL at Sight and Sound Theater, September 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you are interested in being a part of a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in September to see the new production of "Daniel", please contact Carole Aspinall at 412-833-8114. This is a trip being led by our Golden Oldies, but all church members are welcome.

**MISSION NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**MISSION TEAM SOJOURNER HOUSE COLLECTION** - The Mission Team thanks everyone who has donated to the Sojourner House collection to date. However, we still need the following items: Soap, Deodorant, Feminine Products, Laundry Soap, Cleaning Products, Toilet Paper and Paper Towels. Collection containers are located under the Mission Team Bulletin Board in the Welcome Center and the collection continues until April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Thank you so much to all who have donated items!

*We have received enough cardboard rolls. We are no longer in need of them.*

We are in need of:

- Crepe Paper Streamers in shades of green
- Typewriter/Trace paper, various colors

**SARRIS CANDY** –The Sarris Candy sales proceeds for April are going to Camp Crestfield.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

***A listing of our Sunday School Classes can be found on the screens in the Welcome Center. The last day of Sunday School will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**WORSHIP AND WONDER** – Children 4 years old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are welcome to follow the Worship and Wonder Teachers to the classroom (rm 234) after the Children’s sermon each week during our 10:45AM service. All helpers need to be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Helpers also need to pre-register by calling Debby Hayes at 412-266-0982.

## **CHURCH FINANCES AS OF APRIL 21, 2024:**

	<b>2024 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>2023 YTD (\$)</b>	<b>+/- (\$)</b>
Contributions*	\$ 162,409	173,748	\$ (11,339)
General Fund Subsidies (Transfers)	103,125	76,668	26,457
Investment Income **	15,457	7,215	8,242
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$ 280,991</b>	<b>\$257,631</b>	<b>\$ 23,360</b>
Year to Date Budget	286,948		
<b>+/- Budget</b>	<b>\$ (5,957)</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.

### **April Special Offerings - Bethany Education Fund and Camp Fund**

The special offering envelopes for April support the Bethany Education Fund (blue envelope) and Camp Fund (yellow envelope). The Bethany Education Fund provides scholarships to Bethany high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education or training, and the Camp Fund provides scholarships to youth attending Christian summer camp programs as approved by the Discipleship team. Online giver? Not receiving envelopes? You can still donate to these special offerings either by selecting "Bethany Education Fund" or "Camp Fund" in the online giving portal or noting that your donation is for the Bethany Education Fund or Camp Fund on your check or a pew envelope. Thank you for your contribution to these valuable scholarship programs for the youth of Bethany!

**WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, Apr 28**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship

9:30AM – Sunday School

12:00PM – Prayer Walk

**Monday, Apr 29**

6:30PM - Body Carpenter Workout

**Tuesday, Apr 30**

6:30PM - Men's Huddle

7:00PM - Grief Class Book Study

7:00PM - ALANON

**Wednesday, May 1**

10:00AM – Fellowship of Prayer

11:30AM - Knitters

7:00PM - Choir

7:00PM - Scouts

**Thursday, May 2**

9:00AM – Quilters

10:00AM – Creation VBS

12:00PM - Rotary

6:30PM – Bloom Service

7:30PM - AA

**Friday, May 3**

**Men's Retreat at Oglebay**

11:30AM – Celebration of Life Service for Dick Pyle

**Saturday, May 4**

**Men's Retreat at Oglebay**

**Sunday, May 5**

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

8:15AM and 10:45AM - Worship with Communion

9:30AM – Sunday School

5:00PM – BYG

***The last day for Sunday School will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.***

***We begin our summer worship schedule,  
with worship at 8:15am and 10am, on May 26<sup>th</sup>.***