



"An Invitation to Obedience"

Rev. Jae Cho

March 29, 2020

Our Mission To trust in Jesus ... love like Jesus ... grow in Jesus ...bring others to Jesus

Worship The Lord

Sunday, March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday In Lent 10:45 am LIVE STREAM

See below for instructions for joining the live stream

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

Welcome and News of the Church

Pastor Jae Cho

Chiming of the Hour

WE GIVE GOD PRAISE

Call to Worship

Glory be God in the highest, Lord of heaven and earth, who so loved the world as to send his only Son to redeem us from sin, and to obtain for us everlasting life. All praise be to you, most gracious God, for your infinite mercies toward us in Jesus Christ our Lord. (Hamilton, 1511-71)

Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

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When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. **Chorus**

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on a Cross, my burdens gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. **Chorus**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" Chorus

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Pastor Bill Youmans

Dear Lord, forgive me for being silent when I need to speak the truth. Forgive me if I have spoken when I should have been silent. Forgive me for not standing up for what is right to help others. Forgive me for not walking in your way, truth and the life. Help me confess my darkness and doubt, so I can faithfully live into your spirit that leads to life. (silent prayer)

Assurance of Pardon

Response

"The 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, Amen.

Hymn

"All to Jesus, I Surrender" All to Jesus I surrender, All to him I freely give; I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live.

Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at his feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.

(Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Savior, wholly thine; May the Holy Spirit fill me, may I know thy power divine. Truly know that thou art mine.

(Refrain)

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to thee, Fill me with thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me. (**Refrain**)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:23-33

Second Reading: John 12:20-33

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 740

"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.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings

Response

"Doxology"

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.

Benediction

NEWS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Worship livestream with us on our Bethany Website by using this link this Sunday at 1045am.

https://www.facebook.com/bethanypresby/

If you "like our Facebook page you should get a notification when we go live.

If you have any questions please contact Shaun Martinec at tech@bethanypresby.org

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday Communion Worship: 7pm, Thursday, April 9. Leaders from First Baptist, Bridgeville, and Bethany Presbyterian Church will host an evening of remembering the last supper shared by Jesus and his followers. Communion will be celebrated. All are welcome. Good Friday Worship: 7pm, Friday, April 10. Hear meditations on the last words of Jesus on the cross, and sense the cost of human error.

Easter Sunday Worship: 6:45am, 9:00am and 11:00am, Sunday April 12

Bethany Youth Group: As we do our best to practice social distancing to limit the spread of the virus we will be postponing and changing all of our youth events virtually until further notice.

BYG Virtual youth group will be every Sunday from 4pm to 530pm. We will be covering what is going on in the world around us with highlights and lowlights, prayer requests, and a Bible scripture devotional and more. If you are interested in being a part of this we will invite you through google meet please contact your youth teacher or Pastor Jae at jae@bethanypresby.org or you can text 412-880-7995.

<u>Discipleship</u>

Sunday School - We will continue Sunday school digitally as the resources are available each week. Also for teens who in confirmation class and Sr. High are welcome to use Right Now Media for their studies. For more information check the Bethany website and with Kathryn Martinec.

Right Now Media - Christian Videos

"What happens when you take 2,000 years of a Christian tradition, capture the heart of it, and reimagine it? Whether you're a veteran of observing Lent or a rookie who is jumping in for the first time, you can join thousands of people for an experience that just may surprise you. Check out **"The Lent Experience"** by Eric Ferris on Right Now Media. Our Youth Group has been watching this and it is helping us grow in a deeper knowledge of what it means to follow Christ in this season. Sign up at Bethanypresby.org

Morning Prayer and More

Starting Monday, March 23, each weekday morning, from 9:00 to 9:15am Pastor Bill will lead a reflection on a Psalm for the day. And follow with a prayer for the day. Anyone wishing to fellowship with one another and the pastor may sign in to the meeting at anytime from 8:30am to 9, and stay after morning prayer till 9:30am. Our hope is to create a forum for communication of our needs and experiences during this global health crisis and beyond. You can participate via a computer with a video camera. Or you can just hear the audio and see the pastor and others using a computer without a camera. Or you can phone in to number below and hear the audio and be able to speak to others. If using your phone, you will be asked to enter the PIN below. What a great way to start the day!

Join Morning Prayer and More meet.google.com/zvx-fxfi-aoz Meeting ID meet.google.com/zvx-fxfi-aoz Phone Number +1 515-519-5891 PIN: 127 260 960#

<u>GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER – BETHANY IS MAKING IT AS EASY AS</u> <u>"84321"</u>

We have upgraded our online giving platform - Giving is now as easy as 84321!

TEXT TO GIVE - That's right, now you can text the amount of your donation to **84321**! It really is that easy - why not give it a try right now ②?

ONLINE GIVING – Visit <u>http://bethanypresby.org/give</u> There, you can setup recurring or one-time donations using your bank account, debit card or credit card. You can also access the online giving platform through our Church's newly upgraded website at <u>https://bethanypresby.org/</u>.

CASH/CHECK - If you have always given via cash or check, now is a great time to switch to online giving. In addition to being easy and secure, recurring transfers are budget friendly and help to ensure accurate, confidential crediting of donations in our records. Of course, we continue to appreciate cash and/or check donations as well. During this period of online worship, these can be mailed to the church at 740 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017; as always, please use your church offering envelopes to ensure proper crediting of donations.

SECURITY & COSTS - Online and text giving is easy and secure⁽¹⁾. In many ways, it is also more efficient and cost effective than cash and/or checks. Fees for online giving transactions are as follows:

ACH (bank transfers): 0.25 per transfer – That's the same as the costs to process a check. Debit & Credit cards: 2.15% + 0.30 per transaction – This is less cost effective than the ACH option, but there is an option for donors to cover these fees.

⁽¹⁾ Payment information is TLS encrypted and stored at **Stripe** - a Level 1 PCI compliant payment processor. Bank verification powered by **Plaid**.

<u>Calendar:</u> <u>Sunday, March 29</u> 10:45 AM – Worship – Live Streamed

<u>Thursday, April 2</u> Pray for Mike, Connie & Victoria Segeleon

Friday, April 3 Pray for Edgar Shaffer

Saturday, April 4

Tuesday, March 31 Pray for Cathy Schulz

Pray for Walter & Lisa Schultz

Monday, March 30

Wednesday, April 1

Pray for Amanda, Ryan, Caleb, Lacey & Brooke Schwotzer Sunday, April 5 10:45 AM – Worship – Live Streamed

The Church Office will continue to be closed as per guidelines from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Employees are working from home. Please call the church office 412-221-5132 if you have any questions.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:

Attendance for March 22, 2020: 10:45 Livestream – 75 families checked in online Finance Report: As of March 22, 2020

(\$)	2020 YTD	2019 YTD	+/-
Contributions*	123,465	132,060	(8,595)
General Fund Subsidies (transfers)	55,161	57,261	(2,100)
Investment Income**	(9,616)	10,249	(19,865)
Total General Fund Income	169,010	199,570	(30,560)
Year to Date Budget	180,124		
+/- Budget	(11,115)		

*For purposes of this report, any prepaid pledges have been spread over 52 weeks. **Investment income is updated monthly upon receipt of investment statements.