

**Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
August 16, 2020**

**Prelude
Welcome
Announcements**

Vicki NeCastro
Vonnie Larson

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vonnie Larson

HYMN OF PRAISE: #337 verses 1,4,5

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow me";

In our joys and in our sorrows
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience,
Serve and love thee best of all.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Vonnie Larson

*Our Father/Mother 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.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you.
P: And, also with you.

THE WORD IN OUR MIDST

**JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER**

Vonnie Larson
Rev. Thurston

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Rev. Thurston

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^a for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vicki NeCastro

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

**CALL TO OFFERING
DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER**

Vonnie Larson

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.*

COMMUNION INVITATION

Helen Moren

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

Helen Moren

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION
FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION**

Helen Moren

Please partake of the bread and cup – one in the Spirit.

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN #585 vs. 1,2

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

Rev. Thurston
Vicki NeCastro

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister	Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston
Liturgist	Vonnie Larson
Elder	Helen Moren
Music	Vicki NeCastro
Videographer	Connie McVicar
Sound Technician	Michael Thayer

NOTE: For those of you attending worship in the sanctuary, when leaving, please use the doors to the right as you face the exit

PRAYER LIST

Kelly Eddie, friend of Brenda Hart
Tammy Ritchea
Ruth Tye, Jeannie Tye Sarg, and Jay Tye
Jack Hoffman and family
Ed Rodgers (Father of Vicki NeCastro)
Cathy Chambers
Ned George (father of David) and family
Perry Jones, Jr.
Xenyiah Pickens
Dottie Hanners and Mike Cunningham
Gary and Vonnie Larson
Bob and Jackie Andrews
Barb Stevenson, mother of Kim Stevenson
Linda Jacobs (Sister of Jan Forsty)
Nancy Pietrangelo (sister of Penny Tittle)
Jeffrey Yost
Shana Hatzopoulos
Sharon Poyneer (sister of Vonnie Larson)
Mary Sutherland (sister of Pat Sutherland)
Holly Cramblet Bowman
Caden Knisley
Joanne Sykes
Ellen Sanford
Mary Jane Jackson
Holly, Frank, and Sharley Hillgardner
Elizabeth DeJong
Donna Norman (Becky Ayers' sister)
Dottie Smith
Linda Owens Walters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are so grateful to have students back on the Bethany College campus! You are welcome to join us in worship either in the sanctuary or on Facebook Live. We hope to become a part of your circle of support while you are in Bethany. **WELCOME!**

August Worship Calendar – On August 9th and 16th, Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston will be preaching, followed by Alishah Hardway on the 22nd and 29th. This will allow Pastor Sharon to visit with her new grandchild.

Now that many of us have regathered in the sanctuary for Sunday worship, keep in mind that there are a number of guidelines attendees are being asked to follow, including wearing masks, refraining from hymn singing, hand sanitizing upon entry, and social distancing. We respect that many will not feel comfortable returning to in-house worship and for those individuals and others, **the worship service will continue to be live streamed to Facebook Live**. If you did not receive a copy of the required guidelines via snail mail, please contact the church office and a copy will be sent.

Bible Study will take place on Monday, August 17, at 7:15 pm. If you are interested in attending, and are not currently on the email list, contact the church office.

Thursday Evening Prayer services continue. For those of you on the BMC email list, you will receive an email with the Zoom invitation and are welcome to join. If you would like a link texted to you, let Sydma know. If you are not on the email list, please contact either Sharon (swatkins@bethanywv.edu) or Sydma (shatzopoulos@bethanywv.edu) so that we can add you.