

**Bethany Memorial Church
(Disciples of Christ)
July 19, 2020**

**Prelude
Welcome
Announcements**

Brenda Hart
Jan Forsty

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jan Forsty

HYMN OF PRAISE: # 683 verses 1 & 2

"O for a World"

O for a world where everyone
Respects each other's ways
Where love is lived and all is done
With justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared
And misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared,
Equality achieved.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*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**

Rev. Watkins
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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears^l listen!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Brenda Hart

SERMON

Rev. Sharon Watkins

"Telling the Difference"

WE PARTAKE AT GOD'S HOLY TABLE

CALL TO OFFERING

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DOXOLOGY AND OFFERING PRAYER

*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

Connie McVicar

THE THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF THE ELDER

Connie McVicar

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

FELLOWSHIP OF COMMUNION

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

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

CLOSING HYMN #683 verses 3,5

“O for a World”

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for
God’s glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Watkins

POSTLUDE

Brenda Hart

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Minister

Rev. Sharon Watkins

Liturgist

Jan Forsty

Elder

Connie McVicar

Music

Brenda Hart

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

Christian love and sympathy to Helen Moren and Karen Bracey, and the Kemp family, on the loss of their brother, Wayne Kemp.

Ruth Tye
Ned George (father of David) and family
Cindy Hoffman
Shana Hatzopoulos
Della & Ed Rodgers (Parents of Vicki NeCastro)
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
Rick Lowery
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

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 be held on Monday, July 20 at 7:15 pm via Zoom.

Monday's discussion will be based on the following scripture:

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

I Kings 3:5-12

Romans 8:26-39

Sharon will be leading the discussion. If you are interested in participating, please call the church office so arrangements can be made to insure you receive a Zoom invitation.

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.

For the month of July, we are collecting greeting cards for two of our Global Mission adoptees, toddler Chinna Appu, and Mrs. Muniyammal, an elderly woman. Both are residents of the Family Village Farm in Tamilnadu, India. Include a message with your card or cards, and either mail them to the church (in a larger envelope) or drop them off. Any kind of card is welcome.

NOTE: The Church building is closed until further notice. BMC staff and volunteers can be reached by calling:

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