

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. Empower us with your Holy Spirit. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise. May we work together as you send us into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN #343

"The Communion Hymn"
(verses 1 & 4, Hymns of Grace)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

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Next Sunday, October 8th, outdoor worship. Dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair.

To Our Visitors

We welcome you to worship today. If you are visiting with us please feel free to speak to the pastor or one of our greeters if you have questions or want more information about Bethpage.

Bethpage is a church committed to children and families and their needs. We have a nursery and childcare for infants through kindergarten. Feel free to keep your child in worship through the Time With the Children if that works for your family. Jaymie Barrier our children's caregiver will take your cell phone number and will text you if your child needs you during worship.



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

*"A family of faith in Jesus
Christ, yesterday, today,
and tomorrow."*

October 1, 2023
10:00 AM



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

OPENING MUSIC #2274 *"Come, All You People"*
(Sing the Faith Hymnal)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

Let us pray . . .

HYMN #289

"O God of Every Nation"
(verses 1, 2, & 4, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us this morning and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord, hear our silent confessions . . . *(Please take a moment for silent confession.)*

RESPONSE HYMN #322 *“Spirit of the Living God”*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry,

God’s grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty,

God’s generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren,

God’s love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God’s grace, and by the power of God’s love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE *“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *“Shout to the Lord”*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51:10-13 (Pew Bible, p. 520)

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7 (New Living Translation)

SERMON *“Power in the Spirit”* Rev. Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR 10¢-A-MEAL OFFERING

Offertory *“Lamb of God”*

Doxology (*sung*)

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

Prayer of Dedication

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister continues . . .

All sing: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Minister continues . . .

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.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM *“The Communion Hymn”*