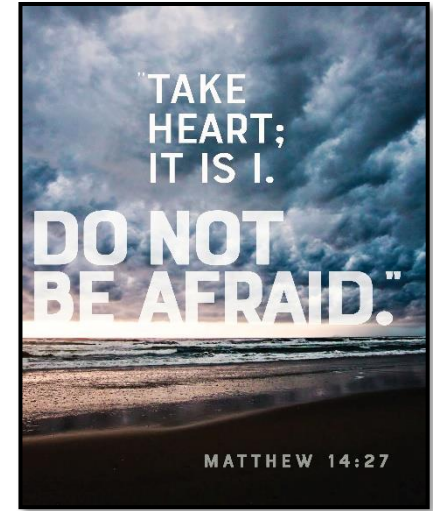


Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

July 14, 2024
10:00 AM



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 for infants through three-year-olds and Kids of the Kingdom for four-year-olds – Kindergarten. There are activity sheets and children’s Bibles for older children. Feel free to keep your child with you in worship through the Time With Children if that works for your family. Our new nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.

GOD’S PEOPLE GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to us even now O Lord of Life,

And fill this place with your presence!

We praise your name and rejoice in your love,

We stand in utter amazement of who you are!

Everyone who calls upon you will find fulfillment,

They will rejoice forever, because you are God!

Rejoice and give thanks!

Halleluiah! Amen!

OPENING MUSIC

“Come Into God’s Presence”



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OPENING PRAYER

Be with us, Lord, as we are gathered here to worship You. Help us not to check our minds or our hearts at the door, but enable us to bring all that we are to You, so that we might experience Your touch upon all aspects of our lives. May we honor you this morning and bring you glory each and every day. We pray this because of, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN #457 *"I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"*
(verses 1, 3, & 5, The Presbyterian Hymnal)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE

God knows who we really are underneath the mask that we show to others.

In loving kindness God forgives us.

We are free to be our true selves because we are accepted by God.

May we live as the people God created us to be.

Friends, believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

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

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

TIME WITH CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"In His Presence"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 27 (Pew Bible, p. 503)

RESPONSE HYMN *"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-27(Pew Bible, p. 16)

SERMON *"What A Day!"* Valerie Hicks

THE PEOPLE RESPOND

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING

Offertory

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

O God, We offer ourselves with our gifts, recognizing that all we have is yours. Use them and us to fulfill your purposes. May our offerings do far more than we can imagine. In the spirit of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN *"Go My Children, With My Blessing"*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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