***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER*** *(ecumenical version)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN*** *"This is My Song"*

***BENEDICTION***

***POSTLUDE***

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**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 through first grade. 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 nursery caregiver is Stephanie Pritchard. Stephanie will text you if your child needs you during worship.*

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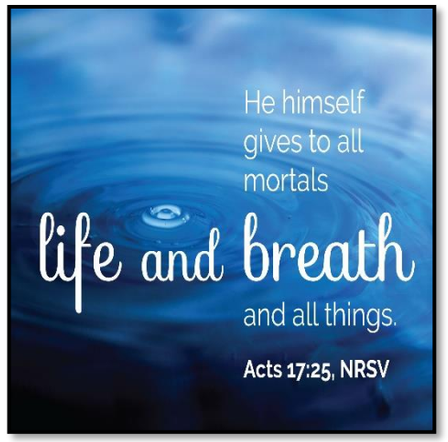
# Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

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

**July 5, 2026**
**10:00 AM**




***PRELUDE***

***WELCOME AND GREETING***

***GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER***

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

Come let us worship God!

**We are here to be awakened to God's word and God's way!**

We shall unite our voices in praise

**And bring our hopes and dreams, our cares and woes to the rock of our salvation.**

Come let us worship God!

***HYMN*** *"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION***

**Almighty God, You alone are sovereign — above all, in all, over all. And yet, how quickly we are to take credit unto ourselves for successes achieved, decisions made, ministry offered, goods shared, gifts given. Forgive us for our self-sufficiency. Remind us that any competence comes from You alone. By Your Spirit, set us free to see and to share Your glory. O Lord, hear us in this time of silence . . .**

***RESPONSE #572*** *"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"*
(The Presbyterian Hymnal)

***GOD'S GRACE AND PROMISE***

It is hard for us to believe or to understand Christ's great love for us.

**Yet the meaning is clear: Christ lived for us. Christ died for us.**

Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us.

**Christ prays for us.**

People of faith, we are forgiven.

**Alleluia Amen!**

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

## ***THE WORD PROCLAIMED***

***TIME WITH CHILDREN***

***SPECIAL MUSIC*** *"Heal Our Land"*

***OLD TESTAMENT READING*** Psalm 8 (NRSV)

***HYMN #363*** *"Every Promise of Your Word"*
(verse 2 only, Hymns of Grace)

***NEW TESTAMENT READING*** Acts 17:22-25 (NRSV)

***SERMON*** *"Not One, But Two"* Valerie Hicks

## ***GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND***

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*** From the Iona Community

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor. He was tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Hoy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, Life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, Source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

***GIVING GOD OUR OFFERING and OUR TEN CENTS A MEAL 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

**Compassionate Creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Let these offerings, given in trust, be signs of our partnership in the renewal of all creation. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. We offer this with joy, in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

***HYMN*** *"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*
(verses 1 & 2)